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BRUSSELS SUGAR CONVENTION.

Statement by Premier Balfour in the Imperial Commons.

London, Dec. 11.—Questioned recently as to whether the law officers of the crown had ever given the opinion that the imposition of a countervailing duty to neutralize foreign sugar bounties would contravene the favored nation clause in existing commercial treaties, Premier Balfour replied that he had no record of such an opinion. To-day, however, he volunteered the statement that an identical opinion had been given in 1880, but he declined to commit himself with regard to the effect of this opinion in the present circumstances. The Premier's statement, however, is regarded as justifying Russia's threat to treat the imposition of a countervailing duty as a breach of treaty. As practically the entire British export trade with foreign countries is carried on under the protection of the favored nation clause, the government faces the alternative of either dropping the Brussels sugar convention or risking the loss of the favored nation advantages. One effect of Great Britain's adhesion to the sugar convention would be to entitle the United States and Russia to place higher import tariffs on British goods. It is expected that rather than risk such a serious dislocation of foreign trade, the government will forego the imposition of countervailing duties on sugar.

The startling increase in suicides in the Hungarian army has aroused the authorities to investigation. Six recruits belonging to a single regiment have committed suicide in two months.

Germany has named Dr. Sievking to be a member of the international court of arbitration at The Hague in the place of Dr. Binger, president of the senate of the high court.

FOUR SCHOONERS LOST.

Wrecked in Storm on Newfoundland Coast—Ten Men Drowned.

St. Johns, Nfld., Dec. 11.—Fierce snow storms continue to sweep the Newfoundland coast. Four more schooners have been lost, one with her entire crew of ten persons. The other three vessels have been driven to sea, and are believed to be in great danger. Trains and steamers are delayed and there have been a number of fatalities throughout the colony.

DECLINES POST.

John Barrett Decides Not to Sever Connection With St. Louis Exposition.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 12.—Secretary Hay has received a cablegram from John Barrett, at Calcutta, India, saying he regards it his duty to continue his connection with the St. Louis exposition, and declining the United States ministry to Japan. It is now understood that Lloyd Griscom, jr., minister to Persia, will be the successor to the late Minister Buck.

The Dominican government has informed United States Minister Powell that it cannot withdraw the decree governing the shipping charges collected at San Domingo ports.

IS NOW LOOKING FOR ARBITRATION

CASTRO SAID TO FAVOR THE PROPOSAL

Meanwhile Venezuela Continues to Make Preparations for War—Call for Recruits.

(Associated Press.)

Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 11.—The government has taken preservative measures at La Guayra. All the deposits of coal at the navy yard and all the British cars on the La Guayra railroad have been brought here, rendering impossible the transportation of the allied troops by rail. Gen. Ferrier, the minister of war, spent all day to-day in choosing spots in the mountains where trenches are to be dug.

The governor of Caracas has issued the following decree: "All Venezuelans living in the federal district, between the ages of 18 and 50 years, must enroll themselves in the militia. Any such person refusing to enroll voluntarily as patriotism demands, will be declared a traitor and sent before the tribunals."

Yesterday, after a long conference with President Castro, United States Minister Bowen obtained an order for the liberation of the remaining British and Germans subjects who were held prisoners, and an hour later all had been released. Minister Bowen and Secretary of Legation Russell went to the jail five times, and assisted the poor colored British subjects and those who were ill. The order for the release of the prisoners has made a good impression, and is looked upon as a politic act on the part of President Castro.

Everyone in Caracas believes the situation to be desperate, and threatens war unless Minister Bowen succeeds in having the matters in dispute submitted to arbitration. It is said on the authority of an official near to President Castro that the President has allowed Minister Bowen to communicate with the Berlin and London governments through the state department at Washington, this being the only hope of avoiding a serious conflict. It is reported that the plan of the British and German forces is to secure the ports of La Guayra and Puerto Cabello.

It is stated on good authority that the Venezuela government has asked Minister Bowen to act as arbitrator. The English telephone office has been seized.

Many Volunteers.

La Guayra, Venezuela, Dec. 12.—The defensive preparations at the strategic points on the heights back of the town are being vigorously pushed forward. The deposits of powder in the fortresses of La Viga and San Carlos have been removed. Great patriotic demonstrations are being made, and every one capable of bearing arms is offering his services.

The embargo placed upon the harbor corporation has been removed.

Acceptance Doubtful.

London, Dec. 12.—Venezuela news which the British government gets comes through the state department at Washington, and based on Minister Bowen's messages.

The foreign office here has so far, however, received no trace of the reply to the demands of the powers which Venezuela is reported to have transmitted to Great Britain and Germany through the United States consul at La Guayra, though it has officially received a copy of President Castro's proclamation. The foreign office officials also said they had not received information to the effect that Venezuela had requested Minister Brown to act as arbitrator. They think it is not likely the proposition has been made, but if such is the case they do not consider that arbitration at this stage would be acceptable to Great Britain.

As Viewed at Berlin.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—President Castro's war preparations and his public utterances are regarded in official quarters here as "designed to see how far the allies are willing to go, as a test of the further attitude of the administration at Washington, and, above all, as efforts to unite his own people and reconcile them to his directorship."

The foreign office received a cable message from the German charge d'affaires, filed at La Guayra. This is a sure indication, the foreign office thinks, that the situation is not so tense as the press telegrams represent it to be.

Regarding the reports that the Germans want only to destroy the Venezuelan vessels captured at La Guayra, it is stated here that according to the official advices received up to the present only one vessel was disabled and not one sunk, and that the British participated equally with the Germans in the action taken.

While the marine ministry is not considering the immediate dispatch of reinforcements, if it is necessary to occupy a port, marines will be sent. The navy department garrisons the coast defences, and has at its disposal fifteen battalions of marines, who are serving on shore.

Later in the day the following dispatch was received from Willemstadt, Curacoa: "The German warships have embargoed three Venezuelan ships and disabled a fourth near La Guayra." This dispatch probably refers to the Venezuelan ships seized on December 9th, and reported to have been sunk early next morning off La Guayra.

The dispatch referred to was semi-official, and was filed at Willemstadt yesterday. The warships engaged in the affair were the German cruisers Panther and Vineta, and the British cruiser Retribution.

Arbitration Proposal.

Washington, Dec. 12.—A cablegram received at the state department to-day from Minister Bowen at Caracas, states that the Venezuelan government has requested him to propose to Great Britain and Germany that the difficulties arising out of the claims for alleged damages and injuries to British and German subjects during the civil war be submitted to arbitration.

In conformity with the understanding already reached with the representatives of the British and German governments here, the proposition from President Castro will be duly laid before those governments, the state department acting merely as a channel of communication. Not much hope is entertained of the favorable reception of the proposition, as it is felt the affair has progressed too far for a settlement by peaceful methods.

Reprisals made by the Venezuelans for the destruction of their navy in the seizure of British ships and the arrest of German and British subjects, practically have developed the relations between the countries into those of real war, although technically the proposals prefer to designate it as something less. In doing so, Great Britain and Germany simply are following the course taken during the war with China, when, notwithstanding the fact that the allied fleet battered down Taku and captured and distributed a number of Chinese naval vessels, no declaration of war was forthcoming.

Minister Bowen's cablegram has been cabled to Berlin and London. It is probable replies will be received over night, and will be sent by the state department to Minister Bowen, who will inform the Venezuelan President. It is certain the state department is willing to go any reasonable length to settle the difficulties in Venezuela in any manner that shall be honorable and satisfactory to all parties. Therefore Secretary Hay to-day replied to Mr. Bowen's cablegram, authorizing him in his discretion to use his good offices to secure arbitration. He was, however, made to understand that in the arbitration, if it should follow, he would represent not the government of the United States, but that of Venezuela at its request.

It is realized here that the outcome is very doubtful, and the way is beset with difficulties. If the claims against Venezuela were only those of Great Britain and Germany, the adjustment might be easier, but France and Italy, the United States, and perhaps other nations also have claims, and they cannot accept any arrangement which Great Britain and Germany might force upon Venezuela which would deprive them of their right of reclamation.

After the cabinet meeting to-day, Secretary of Navy Moody said the United States will not send, at this time at least, any warships to Venezuelan waters.

Two More Vessels Taken.

Kingstown, Island of St. Vincent, Dec. 11.—The Venezuelan troopship Harmora and the coastguard vessel Viente Tres de Mayo were captured in the Gulf of Paria and taken this morning to Port of Spain, Trinidad, by the British sloop of war Alert.

Britain's Disclaimer.

London, Dec. 12.—The foreign office informs the Associated Press that the British government disclaims responsibility for the sinking of the Venezuelan vessels off La Guayra, which it entirely attributes to the German forces.

HOTEL DESTROYED.

(Associated Press.)

Spokane, Wn., Dec. 12.—The Redpath hotel, valued at $80,000, was destroyed by fire early to-day. No one was injured.

NEW DIVING RECORD.

(Associated Press.)

Tacoma, Wn., Dec. 11.—At a meeting of the State Y. M. C. A., held here, the world's record for the long dive has been broken by David Grant, of Seattle. He dived a distance of 55 feet 3 inches, beating the record by seven inches.

CRATERS STILL ACTIVE.

Natives of Guatemala Are Seeking Places of Safety.

(Associated Press.)

San Francisco, Dec. 12.—Two new craters which appeared in the Santa Maria volcano on the morning of October 24th last, and devastated a large section of Guatemala, are still smoking. From one of the craters, beneath the cloud of smoke, white-hot lava exudes in a sluggish stream, and from the other cold mud is thrown in spasmodic fashion.

This information has been brought by the steamer Acapulco, which carried 170 refugees from Champerico to San Jose. Alfred McKinnon, an American, died on the voyage from the effect of volcanic gases he had inhaled.

TRADE RELATIONS.

E. N. Foss Speaks in Favor of Reciprocity With Canada at Detroit Convention.

(Associated Press.)

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 11.—Reciprocity with Cuba shared that with Canada in the attention of the delegates to the National Reciprocity convention at their session to-day.

"Cuban reciprocity," was discussed by Frank D. Pavey, of New York.

Eugene N. Foss, of Boston, made an address on Canadian reciprocity, in which he presented very strong arguments in favor of reciprocity relations with the Dominion.

The report of the committee on resolutions, which will be adopted to-day, probably will ask for the ratification of the reciprocity treaties negotiated by John A. Kasson; ratification of the Hay-Bond Newfoundland treaty, and will declare for the adoption of a reciprocity treaty with Canada, to be negotiated either through the reconvening of the joint high commission or such other way as seems best.

THE REFERENDUM ON PROHIBITION

LATEST RETURNS OF POLLING IN ONTARIO

Over One Hundred and Sixty-Six Thousand Votes Cast in Favor of Act.

(Associated Press.)

Toronto, Dec. 12.—The latest total figures of the referendum vote for the whole of the province are 166,050 for and 88,022 against; majority for 78,028.

Delegate's Charge.

At the trades and labor council meeting last night, J. S. Amiabel, of the Sheet Metal Workers' Association, warned the council that the employers had planned to have spies in labor unions.

Shoe Trade.

The Wholesale Shoe Association, of Canada, was formed here last night to promote better business relations within the trade.

Accidentally Shot.

Sparta, Ont., Dec. 12.—While transferring his household goods from a wagon, Geo. Berry, who with his boys, was moving from Lake Road to a farm near St. Thomas, picked up an old gun to put it away, when the weapon discharged. The ball entered Berry's face and lodged in his brain, causing instant death.

HON. W. S. FIELDING ON TARIFF QUESTION

The Finance Minister's Statement at the Banquet Tendered Him at Halifax.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—At the banquet tendered him last night at Halifax, Hon. W. S. Fielding said on the tariff that it was a question of a moderate and reasonable tariff against the question of the high and excessive duties which prevailed under the National Policy. As for the policy of R. L. Borden, that of "adequate protection," he thought the people of Canada were too intelligent to be caught with chaff. A telegram was read at the banquet from Sir Wilfred Laurier, which said he regretted not being present to do honor to Hon. Mr. Fielding, and that the fullest honor was not more than he deserved.

Joint High Commission.

Sir Richard Cartwright says there is no truth in the report that the joint high commission meets early.

Lumberman's Will.

The will of the late William Mackay, lumberman, values the estate at $1,197,094, made up of $1,060,395 personal estate and $136,699 real estate. He leaves it to his family, with the exception of $34,000 to his bookkeeper, R. D. McKenzie.

TELEPHONE STRIKE OVER.

Most of the Demand of the Employees Have Been Granted.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Dec. 12.—The telephone strike was settled to-day, agreements granting the employees practically everything they contended for being signed this afternoon. The operators return to work on Monday.

THE BANNOCKBURN.

Mariners Believe the Steamer Broke in Two.

(Associated Press.)

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 12.—Mariners here believe the missing steamer Bannockburn, loaded with grain from Port Arthur for Midland, broke in two from a strain received by going aground some two years ago, which was thought at the time was only slight.

HONOLULU CABLE.

Steamer Silverton Has Commenced Work of Laying Line.

(Associated Press.)

San Francisco, Dec. 12.—The steamer Silverton, with the Honolulu cable on board, left the harbor to-day. It was planned to begin the work immediately one mile south of the Cliff house.

BROKER'S FAILURE.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 12.—The suspension of F. C. Pearson was announced on the consolidated stock exchange to-day. The liabilities are about $10,000. The failure of customers to respond to calls for margins was the cause given.

PASSED EXAMINATION.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—Alice Jane Boyd and John Henry Lord passed the last preliminary examination for the civil service at Victoria.

TRACED TO THE WATER.

Missing Mail Carriers of Atlin Are Believed to Have Been Drowned.

Further particulars of the misfortune which overtook the Atlin mail carriers first week was brought from Skagway today by the steamer Amur. One week ago on Tuesday last Messrs. MacIntyre and Abbe left Atlin for Log Cabin with their dog teams carrying mail. Since then two other carriers on the same route have left Log Cabin and have arrived at Atlin, reporting having heard nothing of their fellow mushers on the route. These carriers were Messrs. McDougall and Rant, the men reported to have arrived in the dispatch received by Post Office Inspector Fletcher yesterday. Near Taku Arm they saw foot prints, but that was the only sign of the missing mail carriers. The two men had to pass over the Fan Tail route to Log Cabin, and evidently encountered some of the severe storms that have prevailed in that locality during the last week.

After Messrs McDougall and Rant had gone the length of the Fan Tail trail to "Big Jack" Perkinson's place, on Taku Arm, and there discovered that the missing men had left for Atlin in the canoe several days before, and had not returned, and that their dogs were still where thed had been left, they feared the worst. A search party was to have left Log Cabin on Thursday last.

On Thursday one of the worst storms of the season was experienced throughout the North. The temperature is said to have dropped to 60 below zero.

News comes from Juneau of five of the Hoonah Indians who recently starved a member of their tribe to death for witchcraft, having been indicted for murder in the first degree. The two men accussed with having held up the Douglas opera house gambling rooms some time ago were indicted for robbery and the Bohemian, Lintula, was indicted for assault with intent to commit murder for attacking a Douglas gambler with a knife.

During the progress of a Black Jack game at Juneau during last week, Guy Morrison, a well known citizen of Valdez, was murdered, and Isaac Banta, the mining man of that place, was placed under arrest, charged with the crime. Morrison's dead body was found in a cabin. He had been shot to death in the back of the head. Banta was known to have been in the cabin with the dead man, and he was promptly arrested and charged with the crime. Banta claims that Morrison committed suicide.

The Amur reports having had a good passage. She brought 27 passengers for Victoria and a number for Vancouver and Seattle.

FRENCH BARQUE FINED.

The Surcouf Made to Comply With Shipping Regulations by Collector Milne.

The French barque Surcouf, which arrived here a few days ago from Fusan, Corea, got into considerable trouble during the last few days. The shipping regulations provide that vessels may be at anchor in the Royal Roads, and afterwards leave for a foreign port without reporting to the customs department and taking out entry papers. Capt. Emile Rivalt, the master of the ship, landed two Japanese seamen at Esquimalt, incurring the trouble referred to elsewhere in connection with the immigration department. In discharging these seamen and further in taking on supplies without reporting to the customs officer he violated the shipping laws.

Capt. Rivalt was called before A. R. Milne, C. M. G., and made to answer for this violation. He committed an additional offence in discharging the two seamen without going before a shipping master. In the latter case the captain was fined $40 for each of the seamen discharged. For the other offence, that of having neglected to enter, he was subjected to a fine of $400.

The Surcouf is going to the Sound. Before being brought before Collector Milne, Capt. Rivalt had gone to the French consul, H. M. Grahame, and also to the American consul, A. E. Smith, from whom he obtained a bill of health to enter American ports.

Capt. Rivalt in taking the course which he did threw himself also liable to a fine of an additional $400 for making ready to leave without taking out clearance papers. Collector Milne, however, allowed this to pass over, confining the offence to that of not entering. In addition to the fines, the barque will have to show that no pilotage fees are unpaid or that there are any dues payable to the harbor master.

CALF STEALING CASE.

The Hearing of It Began This Morning in the Provincial Police Court.

In the provincial police court this morning the hearing of a calf stealing case commenced. The information is laid by James Veitch, a rancher of Sooke, who charges Henry C. Helgesen and Sandy Helgesen with the offence. It is alleged to have taken place some months ago. The hearing of the case promises to take considerable time as there are many witnesses to be examined. F. C. Gregory appears for the prosecution, Geo. Powell defending.

Mrs. Veitch gave evidence this morning. She stated that the calf was a red one with fawn markings, common to Jersey bred cattle, underneath. There was a small white spot behind one of the forelegs, by which she identified a skin produced in court as being that of her calf. The animal in question ran with their own cows. One evening the cows returned without the calf, and search was made.

Mrs. Veitch said she went to Helgesen's and asked Henry, one of the accused, if he had seen anything of the calf while out hunting. The defendant denied having seen it. He stated that his brother Sandy had shot a calf belonging to themselves a short time before. Witness described her calf at that time. She afterwards came into Victoria, and going out to the outer wharf identified this skin as being that of the calf she had lost.

The hearing is being continued this afternoon.

BROKE SHAFT AND LOST PROPELLER

NELL'S MISFORTUNES IN NORTHERN WATERS

Arrived Last Night With First Shipment of Black Cod—The Works at Skidegate.

After weathering some of the stiffest gales which the coast has seen during the past few weeks the steamer Nell arrived from northern British Columbia ports last night. It will be remembered that when last heard from the steamer was reported to be storm bound and disabled at Queen Charlotte islands. The cause of the detention as learned this morning was due to the breaking of the intermediate shaft on the starboard side and the repairs necessitated thereby. As a result the steamer had to return to the Mainland in a crippled condition. The trip was a most tedious one, and might have resulted disastrously, but for the fact that the weather was favorable and the sea smooth.

At Metlakahtla the steamer was also unfortunate. She touched a rock when entering the harbor, and smashed her propellor. Another had to be installed, and this further delayed the vessel.

The Nell has brought from Skidegate the first canned black cod that has ever been seen on this coast. There are between 75 and 100 cases of the fish. It was put up by the Queen Charlotte Packing Company, in cans similar in size to those in which the salmon is preserved. The shipment is consigned to Simon Leiser & Company, and merely represents an experiment in the canning business, although, from the quality of the fish there is considered little doubt but that the feature will become a permanent one.

The Queen Charlotte Packing Company's works at Skidegate are larger and more important than probably the majority of Victorians know. The company constantly employs from seventy to eighty men. There is an oil works in connection with the plant where the dog fish are boiled for their oil, and, in addition to the black cod which has just been received the company has been canning halibut, clams and other varieties of fish. During the year just past the company has manufactured about 25,000 barrels of oil; it has packed between five and six hundred cases of clams, and one thousand cases of halibut.

The company is purely a local one, being composed of Simon Leiser & Company, W. H. Dempster and Captain Oliver. In the waters surrounding the islands of Queen Charlotte the finest fishing grounds on the coast are located, and no difficulty is experienced in keeping the works in operation. Neither is there any trouble in finding a market for the fish. Every pound of it comes to this city, and is here marketed.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Vice-President Deucher has been elected president of the Swiss confederation.

Costello, a sailor of the United States ship Wasp, whom the police at San Juan, Porto Rico, shot on Monday night in a row between a number of sailors and the police, died on Thursday. Hibbs, another member of the Wasp's crew, has been held for trial for assaulting the police lieutenant, Cabreria.

At a referendum taken at Marseilles the dock laborers, by a large majority, decided to strike in sympathy with the sailors and stokers. The Dock Laborers' Union numbers about 3,000 men.

The tariff bill passed its second reading in the German Reichstag by 184 to 139 votes on Baron von Kardoff's motion, taking the bill as a whole, without debating it by paragraphs. The Reichstag will meet again on Saturday, and its agreement will then proceed to pass the third reading of the bill.

John H. Schettler, former member of the House of Delegates, was convicted at St. Louis on Thursday of bribery in connection with the suburban franchise deal, and was given four years in the penitentiary. This is the ninth boodler case disposed of thus far.

STEEL RAILS.

F. H. Clergue Has Received Orders From the Dominion Government.

(Associated Press.)

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 12.—Francis H. Clergue, general manager of the Consolidated Lake Superior Co., to-day said he had received orders from the Canadian government for steel rails, sufficient to keep the mills in continuous operation for the present.

PERSONAL.

James Anderson, recently appointed freight and passenger agent of the Wisconsin Central railway for Seattle and British Columbia, was in the city yesterday visiting C. E. Lang, local agent of the Northern Pacific railway.

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J. J. Whalen, representing Sherwin-Williams & Co., of Montreal; J. J. Henry, of Vancouver; W. T. Isted, of Seattle, are among those staying at the Victoria hotel.

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F. Haycroft, a rancher of Duncans, is in the city on a visit, and is a guest at the Victoria hotel.

Howard Thompson, of Seattle, and Capt. M. M. Phatten, of Vancouver, are at the Dominion.

C. G. Johnson and Chas. Dunlop and wife, of Port Townsend, are at the Victoria.

Jas. Rutherford, of Kamloops, is staying at the Vernon.

A. E. Goodman, of Vancouver, is in the city.

WHAT TO BUY

At Xmas time is usually a vexing question.

If you are buying for a lady nothing will be more appreciated than a bottle of best perfume. We have all the latest odors by best French, English and American makers.

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35 Yates Street.

DISPATCH WHICH CAUSED UNEASINESS

REPORTED WHOLESALE ARRESTS IN VENEZUELA

Rumor That British and German Consuls Are in Prison—Fortifying Puerto Cabello.

London, Dec. 12.—Up to a late hour last night the foreign office was still without further official news regarding the situation in Venezuela. While there is no confirmation of the rumors of fighting in La Guayra, etc., the newspapers this morning are beginning to show a keener appreciation of the serious possibilities involved by President Castro's continued defiance. This feeling will hardly be lessened by a report that a British vessel has been seized at Puerto Cabello.

Questions as to how it will be possible to enforce Great Britain's demand upon Venezuela without costly military operations and whether even the occupation of the capital of that country would achieve the desired result, are being asked in Parliament.

While it is recognized that President Castro has nothing to lose, and that the Venezuelans are incensed at the sinking of their ships, and may set aside their internal dissensions and make a stout resistance, hoping for some assistance from the United States or France, much gratitude is expressed at Minister Bowen's prompt intervention in behalf of British and German subjects. Considerable alarm is expressed at the possible fate of British subjects, not only in the coast towns, but in the interior of Venezuela. Through all the editorial articles published this morning there runs a strong vein of hope, more or less openly expressed, that the United States will interfere in some way to secure an adjustment of the difficulties acceptible to both sides, either by arbitration or other means, thus avoid hostilities. Some newspapers even go so far as to argue that it is the duty of the United States to coerce Venezuela into satisfying foreign claims.

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Willemstad, Island of Curacoa, dated December 11th, says: "The Venezuelan authorities at Puerto Cabello are fortifying that town. They have seized and imprisoned the British and German consuls there, as well as other British and German subjects, and have taken possession of their property. The authorities also seized a British steamer which was discharging a cargo of coal at Puerto Cabello. The vessel was unable to escape owing to a breakdown in her machinery. The United States consul at Puerto Cabello attempted to intervene, but was disregarded."

The Seizure of Ships.

La Guayra, Venezuela, Dec. 11.—Ten German and four British cutters captured the Venezuelan fleet yesterday. They went alongside the Venezuelan vessels and ordered them to surrender, and without a shot being fired the British and German forces seized the vessels in the name of the German Emperor and the King of England. Two of the five vessels, which were undergoing repairs, were broken up. The German cruiser Panther steamed into the harbor during these proceedings with her decks cleared for action. The Venezuelan steamers were taken outside the harbor, and at 2 o'clock this morning the General Crespo, Tutmo and Margarita were sunk.

The Usson was the only vessel spared, in view of the protest made by the French charge, who notified the commodore of the allied fleet that the Usson is the property of a Frenchman.

Alleged Friction.

Paris, Dec. 11.—A lengthy official dispatch has been received at the foreign office here from Caracas, saying that the boats of the German warships in seizing the vessels supposed to belong to Venezuela also captured a French merchant steamer, the Usson. The advices reached here so late to-day that the officials were unable to say what steps would be taken in the matter, but it is believed that unless the Germans promptly rectified the mistake, and release the Usson, representations on the subject will be made to Germany. This is also taken to indicate the delicate state of the situation, and the possibilities of international complications beyond those involving Venezuela alone.

The advices received in Paris from Caracas further indicate that some tension is arising between the British and German naval commanders over the methods of enforcing the demands. The German authorities insist on decisive action, and the advices reached here show that they have landed a small German force, besides seizing the ships. The British commander desires to proceed slower and more in accordance with the usual course of diplomacy. As a result of this friction some of the leading diplomatic representatives at Caracas have reported that it is not likely that the British will participate in the seizure of the customs house. If this is borne out, the officials here consider that the joint character of the operations will be considerably interrupted. Leading French officials openly express gratification at the fact that France has secured through diplomacy what other powers are seeking to obtain through force.

Conference at Washington.

Washington, Dec. 11.—United States Minister Bowen, at Caracas, in a cablegram to the state department, dated today, confirm the press reports that all the German and British prisoners have been released.

Nothing has yet occurred to induce the state department to change the policy of non-interference which it has adopted. The President is showing particular interest in the situation to-day, and called Secretary Hay to confer respecting Venezuela. The chairman of the two Congressional committees on foreign affairs also called at the state department during the day to talk over the developments. Senator Cullom, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, expressed the opinion that the United States will not become seriously involved in the present disturbance, as he is satisfied that neither Great Britain nor Germany has any intention of acquiring Venezuelan territory.

No orders have been issued to any of the United States naval vessels to repair to Venezuelan ports, and it is not intended to issue such order unless an emergency should arise.

Acting under cable instructions received to-day from their home offices, Mr. von Holleben, the German ambassador, and Sir Michael Herbert, the British ambassador, to-day presented to the state department the thanks of their government for the services of Minister Bowen, acting on behalf of the United States, in securing the release of the German and British subjects arrested by President Castro at Caracas. Both diplomats discussed the Venezuelan situation with Secretary Hay. The German and British ambassadors have been directed to assure the state department that neither Germany or Great Britain intends to depart in any particular from the plan of joint action against Venezuela, which was drawn up in London and Berlin and submitted to the state department some weeks ago.

Ready For Emergency.

London, Dec. 11.—A dispatch to a news agency from Devonport says instructions have been received that warships of the first class reserve be kept coaled and ready for sea at 24 hours' notice.

The doctor sometimes passes a harder sentence than the judge. But the sentence of the doctor is more often set aside or overruled than is that of the judge. In the case of Mrs. Reycraft given below, the doctor sentenced her to about eighteen years of physical punishment and misery. But she rebelled against the sentence, and commenced the use of Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription. In a few weeks she was a well woman.

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STERNWHEELERS TO BE SHORTLY SOLD

SCHWATKA AND THE ELWOOD IN DEMAND

Schooner Herman's Voyage Has Been Interrupted—Some Fast Sailing Passages—Shipping Notes.

It is probable that few of the fleet of sternwheel steamers, operated on the Stikine during the first stages of the Klondike rush, will be left in British Columbia waters this season.

It will be remembered that a short time ago the Walsh, which had been operated by the C. P. R. Company, was sold to M. L. MacCormick, of Seattle, to be placed on the Seattle and Olympia route. The sale was affected by J. H. Greer, of this city, and the steamer is run in opposition to the Capital City and Multonomah. In order to meet the competition of these latter vessels, however, Mr. MacCormack is about to add the Schwatka, now at New Westminster, to his line. The sale of this vessel has not yet been wholly consummated, but it is expected the steamer will be taken over early next month. Mr. Greer, who only returned from the Sound a few days ago, arranged for the sale, and he is now negotiating for the sale of the Elwood, another of the sternwheelers which operate on the Stikine. This steamer is on the Fraser. She was built at Portland for the northern traffic, was run for a season and then laid up. Others of the Stikine fleet are also for sale.

NOVEMBER'S SHIPPING.

In their monthly freight and shipping report R. P. Rithet & Co. thus refer to business during November:

"In the present stagnant condition of the grain freight market it is impossible to name dates. Spot tonnage has increased, and until this is absorbed in other channels no change will be apparent. Rates on tonnage heading this way have stiffened in sympathy with the poor prospects of outward employment.

"Lumber freights, although quiet, continue steady and unless surplus grain tonnage is diverted to this business, should not weaken. It is more than probable that by the time this report reaches the hands of our friends an increase in the price of lumber will have been made by the lumber association, and 'D' list, now being revised, will be ready to be placed before the trade by the new year.

"We quote freights as follows: Grain—San Francisco to Cork, f. o., 15s.; Portland to Cork, f. o., nominal; Tacoma and Seattle to Cork, f. o., nominal. Lumber—British Columbia or Puget Sound to Sydney, 30s. to 31s. 3d.; to Melbourne or Adelaide, 37s. 6d.; to Port Pirie, 35s.; to Fremantle, 47s. 6d.; to Shanghai, 35s. to 37s. 6d.; to Kiao-Chau, 37s. to 40s.; to Taku, 45s.; to Vladivostock, 40s.; to West Coast, South Africa, 35s. to 37s. 6d.; to South Africa, 57s. 6d.; to United Kingdom or Continent, 50s.

HERMAN'S DETENTION.

The cruise of the little schooner Herman, which left San Francisco a few months ago supposedly on a treasure hunting expedition, is meeting with hard luck. At Honolulu, where the Herman first stopped, there was some dissension among the people on board, but Captain Brown finally sailed for Sydney. It is said that the real destination of the schooner was one of the Auckland islands, near New Zealand. Sutton and Stoney went on ahead in the steamer Sierra for the purpose of arranging matters for the Herman at Sydney and the other calling places, but when they reached the Antipodean metropolis they learned that the schooner had been tied up for some unknown reason at Apia, on the way from Honolulu. They accordingly remained on the Sierra, intending to land at Pago-Pago and proceed to Apia, but the little child of Mr. and Mrs. Stoney was taken down with the measles during the trip, and rather than be placed in quarantine at the Samoan port, where measles are regarded as almost as objectionable as the smallpox, the party continued to Honolulu, their starting place. The cause of the Herman's detention at Apia is not known.

SOME FAST PASSAGES.

Capt. R. MacDonald, master of the ship Muskoka, whose record is believed to have been cast in the shade by the recent fast voyage of the ship Kenilworth, has given out for publication the following memorandum of a number of his passages:

Passages home from Pacific coast.—San Francisco to Queenstown, days, 109; San Francisco to Queenstown, days, 98; San Francisco to Falmouth, days, 95; Portland, Ore., to Queenstown, days, 100; Portland, Ore., to Queenstown, days, 99.

Outward Passages.—Swansea to San Francisco, days, 126; Flushing to San Francisco, days, 112; Flushing to Flattery, days, 123; New York to Shanghai, days, 104; Cardiff to Hongkong, days, 84; Limerick to New York, days, 18.

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MARINE NOTES.

It is reported that six steamers will shortly be en route from Antwerp to Portland with rails for the Southern Pacific railway. One vessel, the Norwegian steamer Norman Isles, sailed from Antwerp on November 30th, and the Danish steamer Polarstjernan will sail from the same port the latter part of this month. The names of the other four steamers, which are now loading, have not yet been made public.

It is stated that the steamer Glamorganshire, which the Nippon Yusen Kaisha Company acquired at a cost of $250,000, she having formerly been owned by the Shire line, is likely to be placed on the run between Tacoma, Victoria and Oriental ports. The liner was constructed in England, is 4,353 gross and 2,899 net tons; 375 feet in length, and was lately operated under the agency of Jenkins & Co., of Kobe.

English advices say that the new globular lifeboat is pronounced a great success, and is hailed by the British coastguards as a great invention. Recent tests in the British Channel demonstrated the ability of the new boat to brave the roughest seas.

Capt. Rudlin, of the steamer Charmer, has been enjoying a holiday during the last few days. While on leave his position is being taken by Capt. Gosse, who commanded the Princess May when that vessel was running.

The Victoria freight steamer Trader is again in commission after the collision with the Capital City near Tacoma. She is carrying iron ore from the Texada mines to the Pacific Steel Company's works at Irondale.

Tug Mystery, which has been in port during the last few days receiving a new boiler, left this morning to resume service in the barge towing business between the Fraser and Sidney.

The British ship Ancora, 2,575 tons, is on her way from San Francisco to Chemainus to load lumber for South Africa.

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TWO COLLISIONS.

Two Firemen Badly Hurt at Virden—Woman Killed on Railway Crossing.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 11.—While standing at Virden station about 5 o'clock this morning an East-bound freight train dashed into the C. P. R. West-bound transcontinental express. Engineer Johnson was on the platform and escaped serious injury, but Firemen Murphy and Armstrong were badly hurt, and Mail Clerk Flatt slightly. Six freight and three passenger cars were damaged as well as the locomotives. No passengers were hurt.

Another Collision.

Another collision occurred at Carberry at about the same hour, a fast freight crashing into the caboose of another freight standing on the main line. Several cars were ruined, but fortunately no one was injured.

Boy to Be Whipped.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 11.—Magistrate Farrell sentenced a boy to-day to be whipped. He had sold a revolver to another boy. The authorities are determined to stop the sale of firearms to young boys.

Killed.

Coburg, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Caleb Mooray was instantly killed and her husband, C. A. Mooray, president of the Patrons of Industry, very seriously injured at Kingston road crossing yesterday. They were driving to town when the horse became unmanageable and dashed into a West-bound passenger train. Mr. Mooray's recovery is doubtful.

Coal Company Shares.

Toronto, Dec. 11.—The directors of the Crow's Nest Coal Co. yesterday allotted 40,000 of the remaining shares of the company's stock authorized to be issued by a recent meeting of shareholders. The stock was all taken by the present shareholders. The shares are $25 each, which makes the capital now issued $5,500,000, all that is authorized. The new stock was issued at a premium of 150, that is, $62.50 per share, so that the company's treasury will receive $2,500,000 for the new issue.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 12.—5 a. m.—An important storm area of considerable energy still hovers off the Washington coast, causing strong off-shore easterly gales at the mouth of the Straits of Fuca, an hourly wind velocity of 56 miles being reported this morning from Tatoosh. A vast high barometer area extends from the Upper Mainland eastward through to the Lakes, its centre being in Manitoba and Minnesota. Show has fallen in this district and the American plateau section, and rain is still falling on the immediate coasts of Washington and Oregon. In the Northwest fair and intensely cold weather continues.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Saturday.

Victoria and vicinity—Moderate or fresh northerly and easterly winds, chiefly cloudy and cold, with occasional snow or rain.

Lower Mainland—Light or moderate easterly winds, cloudy and cold, with occasional snow or rain.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.74; temperature, 33; minimum, 33; wind, 8 miles N. E.; snow, .08; weather, snow.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.88; temperature, 28; minimum, 24; wind, 4 miles E.; snow, .02; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.04; temperature, 8; minimum, 6; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.98; temperature, 4; minimum, 2 below; wind, calm; weather, clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.14; temperature, 48; minimum, 46; wind, 12 miles N.; rain, .14; weather, fair.

Edmonton—Barometer, 30.06; temperature, 2 below; minimum, 4 below; wind, 4 miles S.; weather, clear.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Majestic from the Sound—W T Istad, W H Ellis, Mrs Sharp, Mrs Petrie, Mrs Baldwin, G T Thorn, W Thomas, Mrs Ramsey, L H Druley, Geo Haigh, Jas Rutherford, Jno Irwin, Jas Anderson, E J Strelin, R T Elliott, Stephen Jones, A H Nicholls, M Smith, Mrs Bowman, R Wiggins, J McPherson, H Thompson, Capt Doddridge, Capt Johnston, Chas Butler, W T Barker, Fred Hill, Chas Dickinson, P Monte and wife, H Fosterman, O Baser, Ben Sterns and wife, Foxy Quiller Company of 48 people, Mrs Butler, Capt Brotherton, E B Stone, J A Campbell.

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DRAWING TO A CLOSE.

Evidence of Miners Will Probable Conclude To-Morrow.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 11.—The representatives of the miners during the course of to-dayls proceedings before the anthracite coal strike commission called J. L. Crawford, one of the independent operators, to the witness stand to tell the exact price he received for his coal, and the mine owner refused, giving instead, after much questioning, an average of the price he received. Crawford is president of the People's Coal Company. Crawford's colliery during the strike managed to get enough men to operate the plant, and for one month, according to Crawford, his company received $20 a ton for coal. The miners announced that they expected to close their case on Saturday. Nearly the entire day was taken up in hearing witnesses who had some specific complaint to make, among other things, the price paid per mine car and the size of the cars.

John McKeever, who was charged with the murder of John Kensit, the anti-Ritualistic crusader, has been acquitted.

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THE ARION CLUB'S OPENING CONCERT

FIRST OF THE SEASON LARGELY ATTENDED

Programme Well Rendered in Some Respects and in Others Showed Lack of Practice.

The first concert of the eleventh season of the Arion Male Voice Club, of this city, was held last night in Institute hall, a large number of the associate members and their friends being present. The Arion club from the very first set a very high standard in music, and have consistently aimed in this direction, and with gratifying success. It is from this high plane the club's efforts last night are to be judged.

The first number, "Salamis," by Gernsheim, with the baritone solo taken by Herbert Taylor, could not be said to be sung in any manner approaching previous efforts of the club. The first tenors were weak, with strained quality of tone, hesitancy of various parts to take up the leads. The two basses were not ready to come in when given the sign. There were one or two disinct breaks, denoting want of rehearsal on the part of a few, the whole being ragged, uneven, with the want of finish usually given to all their numbers.

"Antonette," by Mair, one of those quaint piquant numbers, received better treatment than the first selection, but the club was still out of hand, the basses being particularly rough, despite the efforts of Mr. Russell to modify and mellow the tone.

"The Cradle Song," by Macdowell, one of the new numbers presented, was one of the best of the evening, being sung with artistic feeling. The voices blended in one beautiful whole, there was no harshness, and all responded readily to every motion of the baton, giving evidence of their acquaintance with the work, and entering into the spirit of the song. This number was deservedly encored.

"On the Sea," by Dudley Buck, was unquestionably the best effort of the club. All the richness and purity of tone possessed by the really fine voices of the club was brought out to perfection in this number. Especially so was this the case with the basses, the lower F of the second basses rolling out true, even, round and mellow. The roughness of the previous work of all the parts had disappeared, confidence was restored between choir and conductor, and the slightest sign was responded to with quickness, precision and with a purity of tone rarely equalled by any musical organization, amateur or otherwise.

"The Bugle Song," also by Dudley Buck, started fairly well, but owing to some little misunderstanding between the conductor and the accompanist, a stop was made at the end of the first verse, which seemed to unnerve the choir, who were evidently not in harmony with the conductor, several little slips from various parts being distinctly noticeable.

"The Wild Rose," by Abt, is a number lending itself to pianissimo treatment, and the club has always given marked attention to this kind of singing. The effect was very pretty. This is also a new selection, and was well received by the audience.

"The Dance," by Otho, ranks side by side with "On the Sea," differing widely in theme, offering a chance for treatment of the most varied character, and in justice to all concerned received splendid treatment, the voices being full of bright, sparkling, resonant quality. It was sung with taste and expression, every advantage being taken of the different effects.

"Chorus of Smiths," Randegger, is nothing if not descriptive. As in the first number there was a want of confidence, born of insufficient rehearsal, that prevented it from being given as it should. There were voices enough, good voices, no better anywhere, but there was a lack of unanimity.

The club were indeed fortunate in securing the services of A. H. Ritchie, the young virtuoso. Last night's concert revealed to Victorians that there is in the city a master of the king of instruments. His playing of Bruch's concerto in D minor, first movement, was particularly well rendered, his bowing and intonation was the work of a master, and this was descernible from the moment he placed the bow on the instrument till the last stroke was made. A perfect storm of applause was given him as he retired, but he would not respond. His playing of the Spanish Dance by Sarasate was equally exquisite. On its completion he received a tremendous encore, to which he responded, receiving another encore, equally as hearty, and to which he also graciously responded.

Mrs. Norton was not at all at home in her first selection, viz., "The Worker," by Gounod. She is possessed of a very heavy contralto voice, her lower notes being very much like a male's voice. These lower notes are very effective, and much is made of them. Her upper notes are of very poor quality, and not at all under control, with a tendency to at times sing out of tune. The selection of her first song was an unfortunate one. Tearful and sad in sentiment, it is not of itself very taking, and was on the whole indifferently sung. Mrs. Norton, however, redeemed herself later in the evening in her singing of "Oh, That We Two Were Maying," a selection peculiarly suited to a deep, rich voice. Mrs. Norton sang this with great taste and expression, receiving a well merited encore.

Herbert Taylor sang "Lend Me Thine Aid," by Gounod. In the recitative Mr. Taylor was at home, singing with splendid declamation and clear enunciation. In the aria he was in difficulties throughout, straining and forcing to get the upper notes, and in all of it wherever a high note occurred, distinctly nasal in tone. Mr. Taylor's effort was disappointing. He can sing better, although at all times inclined to sing at the full pitch of his voice. Mr. Taylor's nasal quality may have been caused by cold. He received an encore, and sang a very catching little ballad entitled "A Pretty, Pretty Creature."

To sum up briefly, a successful concert, the chief contributor to that success being Mr. Ritchie. There should be more practice and more alertness for the baton, for several times members were caught napping. The work last night was not of the same class as last year, and a long way from the standard of three years ago. The material is to be found in the club, and the conductor is just as able.

The accompaniments to the choruses were ably played by Miss Russell, the conductor, E. H. Russell, playing the accompaniments for the soloists in a perfect manner.

SHERLOCK HOLMES IN POPULAR COMIC OPERA

Richard Golden Was an Admirable "Foxy Quiller," the Great Detective, Last Night.

The performance of "Foxy Quiller" at the Victoria last night removed the rather acrid taste left by the pointless nonsense of "Fiddle Dee Dee" two evenings previous. The audience wasn't persecuted by a trio of tiresome alleged funny men three-quarters of the time as in the remarkable collection of farcical curiosities with the names of Weber & Fields tasked to it. Between the two presentations of "Fiddle Dee Dee" and the ridiculously extravagant praises lavished on them from certain quarters an intolerable longing was created in Victoria playgoers, which Mr. Golden and his company last night helped materially to satisfy.

"Foxy Quiller" is a comic opera by De Koven & Smith, and undoubtedly a satire on Sherlock Holmes. Musically, it cannot be favorably compared to some of the other productions by this talented composer, but there are several melodies distinctly De Kovenesque in their character. This is especially true of the Corsican's serenade and the peddler's song, which remind one strongly of the haunting strains of the "Fencing Master." The story briefly is as follows: Abel Gudgeon, a rich shipbuilder, has promised the hand of his daughter to a galiant tar, Ned Royster, if he returns on a certain day with two thousand pounds. The curtain rises on the critical day, and the sailor returns in time to fulfil the conditions and claim his bride. But unfortunately in the midst of the rejoicing the money is stolen by a Japanese dwarf, an attraction in an itinerant museum.

"Foxy Quiller," the renowned detective, or as the programme describes him, the "quintessence of human intelligence," is engaged to trace the thief, and to do so goes to Corsica on Capt. Royster's ship, on which also the fair Daphne, the shipbuilder's daughter sails as cabin boy. Prior to the great Quiller's departure, however, the dwarf slips into his travelling bag, and is carried on board by the great detective. Ultimately the celebrated sleuth unravels part of the mystery, for the money is discovered in his grip. In order to save himself from summary punishment at the hands of the fierce Corsicans, and particularly from the vendetta which a bloodthirsty Corsican and his sister have sworn against all of the name of Quiller, he arrests himself. The real thief, the dwarf, is finally discovered, and the curtain descends upon a merry crowd.

Richard Golden, as Foxy Quiller, proved himself to be a capital comedian. He became better as the performance progressed, and had his audience completely under his control in the second act. His marvellous (?) deductions and magnificent egotism were irresistibly funny, while his make-up was excellent. Adolph Zink, the dwarf, was a veritable wonder. He was as agile as a cat, and despite his diminutive size a model of grace in dancing. Harry Leone was a very realistic Paganino, the Corsican with a vendetta on his hands. He possesses a superb presence and a robust tenor, which was most artistically used in his serenade, supported by the chorus.

The parts of Ned Royster, Abel Gudgeon, and Walcingham Binks were all in good hands. Vocally the gentlemen were stronger than the ladies, to whom fell the roles of La Colomba, Paganino's sister, Daphne, and Polly Prime. The chorus was delightfully balanced and supported the principal in fine style, particularly Leone in his "Song of the Sword" and his Serenade, and Wallace George in his peddler song. The scenery was on a par with an altogether satisfactory performance.

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Indoor Basketball and Excellent Musical Programme To-morrow Night.

The patrons of to-morrow evening's promenade concert in the drill hall will be treated to something new in the way of an extra attraction, when the Victoria Athletic Club and Fifth Regiment teams will play an exhibition game of indoor baseball. The musical programme arranged by Bandmaster Finn is an excellent one, as may be seen from the following:

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Indoor Baseball .....
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Selection—Robert Bruce ..... Arr. Reeves
(Potpourri of Scotch Melodies.)
Descriptive Piece—A Hunting Scene .. .. Bucalossi
(Descriptive of a Fox Hunt.)
Selection—Comic Opera Gems..Arr. Moses
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WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Wednesday was the date fixed by the provincial government for the nomination of candidates for the representation of West Yale. The resignation of Mr. Murphy seems to have altered the plans of the Premier and his colleagues. Mr. Semlin and his supporters were on hand at the place of assembly to proceed with the business, but they were informed by the returning officer that the necessary writ had not been received from the Provincial Secretary.

Surely there must have been an oversight in connection with the matter. We cannot believe that Colonel Prior, who commenced his career as Premier with such a valiant determination to conduct the affairs of the province in a straightforward, honest, constitutional manner, contemplates treating the constituency of West Yale as his predecessor treated North Victoria. For the present, therefore, we shall assume that the cares of office under exceptionally trying circumstances, anxiety as to the outcome of the campaign in North Victoria, where defeat of the government candidate would almost certainly mean the resignation of the Ministry, have temporarily diverted the attention of the Premier from an obvious duty, and that that duty will be attended to as soon as attention is called to the apparent dereliction of some subordinate official.

It may be that the elections now pending are to be taken by the Colonel as the final determination of the fate of the government, and that he considers it unnecessary to put the province to the expense of an election in Yale, a constituency in which the views of the electors are known to be hostile to the administration. Under any circumstances Mr. C. A. Semlin, whose honorable political career in British Columbia is as an open book, would be a hard man to beat; in the present situation he simply occupies an impregnable stronghold. The government, it is fairly safe to say, will be unable to induce any man to take the field in opposition to him. What can it hope to gain by postponing the election beyond the time set when it supposed it would be represented in the field by a Minister? It will merely add to the distrust with which a large portion of the electorate of the province regards it; it will merely create the suspicion that it would if it could—if the representative of the Crown would assent to such an outrage—leave West Yale during the coming year in the same position as North Victoria was during the year now drawing to a close. We cannot believe, as we have said, that Colonel Prior contemplates any such reprehensible act. We are forced to conclude either that there has been an oversight or a mistake or that the Colonel has concluded to rest his case and be guided in his future course by the verdict of the electors of North Victoria.

PRICE OF SUCCESS.

Some of the cotton lords of Canada have been the chief agitators against the British preference. They claimed that without additional protection against the cheap products of the pauper labor of Manchester and other British centres they would be compelled to close up their mills. All the manufacturers of cotton goods did not take such a position. Some of them attended to business and labored to supply the demands of the trade instead of losing time inveighing against the tariff. The Montreal Cotton Company was one of these. According to the Shareholder, it has declared a quarterly dividend of 2¼ per cent., being at the rate of 9 per cent. per annum, payable on the 15th of the present month.

When Mr. Tarte was in the government he went around the country with a glass in search of manufacturers with a grievance against the tariff. Naturally enough, he found plenty of them. Few of us in this world are perfectly satisfied with the present conditions. There is not a merchant, manufacturer, tradesman, or even newspaper man, in Victoria, who would not be pleased if the establishments of his competitors could be closed up on a mandate of the government. From his point of view it would be a fine thing if he could fix the prices to be demanded from the consumer without fear of some competitor cutting in under him. But these ideal conditions are impossible of realization, at least until the dream of the Socialist "comes true" and the state assumes control of production and distribution. Until we reach that haven of peace, happiness and repose, we must all, if we hope to succeed, accept the advice of the president of the United States and lead a strenuous life. There are few institutions in Canada to-day, founded upon business principles and attending strictly to business, which are not paying dividends. Many of them are expanding at a phenomenal rate and looking forward with abounding hope into the future.

RECIPROCITY, ETC.

Mr. John Charlton is an ardent advocate of reciprocity with the United States. He is also a member of parliament, as the Colonist, with an accuracy that is most unusual, says. But he is not "a gentleman who sends up trial balloons to test the direction of the wind for the Laurier government." That government has long been aware of the way the wind is blowing in Canada. In fact, we believe its influence is so potent that it has had something to do with veering the current of the atmosphere into its present course.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues on the Joint High Commission ascertained the views of the representatives of the United States upon the question of reciprocity. They are satisfied that no treaty which would prove fair and equitable to the people of Canada can be negotiated in the present mood of the men who govern the republic. Events have also demonstrated that it is impossible, or next to impossible, to draft any trade treaty which will be satisfactory to a necessary majority of the American Senate. We suppose that body faithfully represents the sentiments of the majority of the people of the United States. In fact, it is possible there is a unanimous understanding between people and representatives that no treaty shall pass which does not promise at least three-fourths of the advantages to the republic. That understanding may not be the result of any formal negotiations. It simply exemplifies the normal condition of the minds of the American people. Although the Detroit convention was called by Americans who profess to be anxious for more liberal trade relations with Canada, the addresses of the speakers plainly indicated that the advantages they are prepared to accord this country bear no proper proportion to the benefits they hope to reap.

But it can do no harm to discuss such an interesting subject as improved trade relations in an academic way. If a treaty could be negotiated which would be absolutely fair to both countries, there is no question at all that the general effect would be most beneficial. We differ from the Colonist and from Mr. John Charlton as to the effect such improved relations would have upon the political sentiments of Canadians. History proves that during the period when our trade relations with the United States were most intimate the attachment to our present institutions was deepest. It was during the period of Canada's greatest isolation that the Tories of the older times got up agitations in favor of annexation. That fact encouraged American jingoes in the belief that all they had to do in order to bring about the annexation of Canada was to put on the screws. But we "have found a way," and we are not anxious to depart from it. There is no uncertainty about that path. The avenues of commerce are not in danger of being stopped up on the whim of any set of politicians. We shall continue in that way. In the meantime let the discussion upon reciprocity go on. It can do no harm. It may do good if it thoroughly convinces our neighbors that we regard the question with perfect indifference.

PERNICIOUS PRACTICES.

Liberals have become hardened and impervious to the din that is constantly raised by their opponents when elections are pending. They remember the predictions of Sir Charles Tupper on two occasions that he was about to "sweep the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific." Mr. Borden is a more reasonable leader. Probably he is not of so buoyant a disposition as his predecessor, or it may be that he sees with a clearer vision. He wisely remained out of the fight in Maisonneuve, leaving his able lieutenant, Mr. Monk, to join battle with a dummy over such real issues as the Manitoba School Question and the injustice that has been done to French-Canadians by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. We have been accustomed in the West to charges that the government is run entirely in the interests of French-Canadians and Quebec. Therefore the claims of Mr. Monk are somewhat mystifying. We had also reconciled ourselves to the belief that the Manitoba School Question had been settled permanently. Yet here we have Mr. Monk maintaining that it is not and bringing Archbishop Langevin all the way from the West to the East to endorse his opinion. More inexplicable still, we behold such ordinarily staid and reasonable newspapers as the Montreal Gazette maintaining that the corpse must be resurrected again and galvanised into a semblance of life. Why such diversions should be created when there is a real issue like the tariff already made and in a condition to be fought over in a manufacturing centre like Montreal is a point it is difficult to understand. Possibly our Tory friends will take the hint that has been given them by a majority of nearly two thousand and let the corpse of religious bigotry and racial prejudice rest in peace. They have fought two campaigns over that issue and have been worsted in a manner which would be a lesson to men open to conviction.

Mr. Borden conducted the bye-election campaign in his native province. He adopted the rational issue of the tariff with no better success than his lieutenant who prefered to fight over the Manitoba School Question. The majority of the Liberal candidate in Yarmouth was very large, considering that the country as a whole is merely awaiting an opportunity to let the Liberals know what it thinks of the policy of the Laurier government.

Punch has still a happy knack of "hitting off" a situation. The leading cartoon in the issue of November 26th represents Mr. Chamberlain in the character of Laertes about to embark on the ship Good Hope. John Bull (Polonius) addresses the Colonial Secretary: "There, my blessing with thee! And these few precepts in thy memory see thou character. . . Give every man thy ear, but few thy voice; take each man's censure, but reserve thy judgment."—Hamlet, Act 1, Scene 3. Excellent advice for a politician under any circumstances, but especially apropos in view of Mr. Chamberlain's mission. Mr. Punch is getting up in years, but age apparently cannot wither nor custom stale the infinite variety of his accomplishments. He grows upon one. His company is agreeable to every Brittou; to many we can easily believe it is absolutely indispensable. John Bull, despite his great material proportions, is still a sentimentalist. He reveres Punch for the sake of the great men who have been connected with that journal, and he reads it because it has thus far avoided the general levelling down that is alleged to be taking place in all departments of the world's work.

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The Vancouver News-Advertiser, good Conservative journal though it be, is less picturesque in its criticism of the verdict of the electors of the Yukon than the Victoria Colonist. It says "there is little doubt that the majority of the electors has decided wisely in the selection of a representative."

THE STRAIN O' SCOTS.

R. T. Anderson in Slocan Drill.

There's naethin' like the clasp o' a guid
Scot's hand
Tae a Scot whan he's far awa',
Far frae the dear auld mitherland,
An' hame, an' fren's, an' a',
Tho' the han' that grasps yer han' be hard
An' scarr'd wi' years o' toil,
'Tis the grasp that speaks o' oor warm regard
For the things o' Scottish soil.

There's naethin' like the sicht o' a guid
Scot's face,
Though harsh in lika line,
For Honor there has left its trace
An' Truth has made its sign.
'Tis a face the world can a'ways trust
An' gie respect at maist,
For, hoocver sudden ill-fortune's thrust,
It aye was bravely faced.

There's naethin' like the soun' o' the guid
Scot's tongue
As it fa's on a Scottish ear,
For, whaursoe'er it be spoke or sung,
It has its mem'ries dear.
Mem'ries that ca' tae the exile's hert
Frae oot his native glen,
Till fierce an' sudden the tear wull start,
Ye canna haud it ben.

There's naethin' like the lilt o' an auld
Scot's sang
Tae cheer ye whan yer wae,
Tae bring back the days that are fled sae
lang
As it were bit yesterday.
Thae sangs that yer mither used tae croon
As she dandled ye on her knee;
O, there's naethin' the auld Scot's sangs
aboon,
Tae mak' yer bluid flow free.

There's naethin' like a strain o' the guid
Scot's bluid,
Juist tak' it through an' through,
Tae keep ye aye in a cheerie mood
An' mak' yer hert baat true.
Tae haud ye aye tae the ways o' God
As weel's the ways o' men;
Tae gi'e ye strength in life tae plod
Along tae the journey's en'.

Thank God, my lads, for the auld Scot's
strain,
Thank God ye are Scottish born,
For the stream that courses in lika vein
Is bluid that nane can scorn.
Heroes an' martyrs deid lang syne
Gave o' that bluid tae flow,
That Scotlan's honor micht never tyne,
Or cringe tae a foreign foe.

Sae, here's again tae the dear auld land,
Oor forbears lo'ed sae dear—
St. Andra's Nicht? lat us rax a hand
Tae Scotsmen far an' near;
For the sake o' the bluid in a' oor veins
An' the land o' a common thocht;
An' may nane gae back, while Life remains,
On the honest name o' a Scot.

WHERE MUSICIANS COME FROM.

Harper's Weekly.

If one would conquer the world as a music-maker, one should be extremely careful to avoid being born a nobleman. Musical art has been poor in Byrons. Haydn was the son of a wheelwright; Handel's father was official barber to the ducal court of Saxony; Schubert was the son of a schoolmaster—his respected mother was a cook; the composer of "Tristan und Isolde" was the son of Leipzig's chief of police, and the sire of Antonin Dvorak kept an inn.

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FOR CHRISTMAS.
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Butter, Manitoba	25c. and 27c.	Stocking and Bon-Bons	25c.
Sugar, B. C. Gran	21 lbs. for $1.00	Nuts, Best	20c.
Tea, a Very Choice Ceylon	30c.	Peaches, Evaporated, Pealed	20c.
Coffee, a Very Choice Java	30c.	Peaches, Evaporated	12½c.
Peas, Dried Green	5c.	Apricots	12½c.
Beans, 5c., 10 lbs	45c.	Prunes, 3, 4 and 6 lbs. for	25c.
Tapioca and Sago	5c.	Pickles, Sweet, Cheap, and Best Sauces	10c., 15c., 25c. and 35c.
Raisins, Seeded, 16 oz. package	10c.	Tea, Good, 21 lb. Box, for	$3.75
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CHILDREN'S DAY, SATURDAY.
It would be cruel to keep your children away from the toy store to-morrow.

See display of
Toys in Broad Street Window
Store specially illuminated Saturday night.

More Christmas Goods Displayed Saturday
Every nook and corner of the ground floor is now taken up with displays of fancy goods.
We draw your attention to the display of Silverware to-morrow.
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Special—Breakfast Set, 54 pieces.. $5.00 Set
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SPECIAL.. 50c. Set

Xmas Cards—Box of 12 Cards and 12 Envelopes..... 25c. Box

Glove and Handkerchief Department
Enlarged quarters for the next two weeks.

A Few Specials in Handkerchiefs
Pure Silk Twilled Handkerchiefs, 35. and 50c. Usual value..... 50c. and 75c.
Embroidered Handkerchiefs.. SPECIAL VALUE... 40c. each
Other Kinds.. 5c. to 75c. each
Hand-made Lace Handkerchiefs... $1.00 each

An Extraordinary Handkerchief Sale Saturday
33½ dozen Linen Hand-Embroidered Handkerchiefs. Regular prices, 75c. to $1.50. SATURDAY.. 50c. each
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See Windows

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On Sale Saturday.
Ladies' Kid Gloves, pique stitching; colors, Tans, Beavers, Browns and Black; value, $1.25. SPECIAL.. 85c. pair
You know the bargains we gave last week at 85c.; this is even a better one.
Ladies' Dog Skin Gloves, tan colors; usual value, $1.50. SPECIAL.. $1.00 pair
Ladies' Mocho Gloves, tan colors.... SPECIAL.. $1.00 pair
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Ladies' Kid Gloves, wool lined.. $1.00 pair
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WHY THEY CAME.

Chicago News.

Anyone seeking to understand the movement of settlers into the Canadian Northwest from the United States has only to look at the conditions in Illinois and the other commonwealths carved out of the fertile lands of the Mississippi valley less than a hundred years ago. Here a very large proportion of the farms are cultivated by men who do not own them, while the real owners, who are either descendants of the original settlers or men grown wealthy in trade, banking or other pursuits not directly connected with the soil reside in the cities and towns that dot the region. With wealthy men everywhere seeking profitable investments for their idle thousands the price of the fat corn lands of the West is prohibitive so far as the farm tenant is concerned. If he pays a cash rent of $5 an acre, which he does in many instances, he is gambling heavily on the beneficence of the seasons that make up the year. When he can go to the Canadian Northwest and get cheap land in a country of wheat and cattle the temptation to be his own landlord is likely to be irresistible if he is of an enterprising disposition.

LET OTHERS TRY IT.

Chicago News.

Prof. Clark, of Evanston, who thinks that a man can live on $300 a year and give money, is like most theorists on that subject—willing to let someone else try it.

MISTER MACKANDLESS.

Dear Ould Mac:—It's up to you now, me buoy, to shew wot yure made of. I've Knowed Charlie for over twinty years, and he's foxay, you bet. He's up to ivry move on the board, and one over.

I'm frindly to you, Mac, but I'll own up that me ould pal Charlie kin give yer grandmother points. You don't reklect how he downed Redfern. Sez he: Ladees and gintlemen, Mare Redfern is a good man, but he's had this job long enuf. Wen a mare, sez he, hez been mare fur 2 years, he'd be a hog to want it any longer. So we all up and voted fur him. Now, he sez, I've injled the preevileges of the chair for 3 years, and, fur the sake of the city, I want it a few more years. There's a good many jobs I mean to finish before I resine. There's the bridges, good for 3 years annyway. There's the Injun resurve, put that down fur five years. Then there's the parks and the roads and the railways. I'm inclined to think, he sez, that the roads won't be fixed up for 10 years. It ain't the salary, he sez, it's necessary fur the city that a grave, dignified, experienced mare should hold on. An' I'm just that mare.

Besides, sez he, and he wunked sech a artful wink, I've handed Dave my resignation without anny strings. Ketch on, Joe?

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City News in Brief.

—John Labatt's Pale Ale is sparkling purity.

—A meeting of the Provincial Progressive Party will be held in Labor hall this evening, when Alderman Yates will give his views on the referendum. All are invited.

—In the happy holiday days the ideal drink is John Labatt's crystal Indian Pale Ale. For sale by Dixi H. Ross & Co., Erskine, Wall & Co. and Saunders Grocery Co., Ltd. *

—Vancouver Encampment, No. 1, I. O. O. F., hold a special meeting to-morrow night at 8 o'clock to confer degrees and to welcome patriarchs from Unity and Nanaimo Encampments.

—The charge of hunting deer with hounds, which was laid against a man named Jennings, a resident of Lake district, in the provincial police court, was dismissed yesterday afternoon.

—R. M. S. Aorangi should reach the ocean docks from Vancouver between 7 and 8 o'clock this evening. She will receive a number of passengers, some of whom are now here and others are expected on the steamer Majestic.

—Preparations are being made by the teachers and students of the High school to give an entertainment next Friday evening. The aim is the reproduction of the contents of a magazine as nearly as possible by tableaux and dialogues, the former representing the illustrations and the latter the stories of a popular monthly issue. A stage will be erected in the school. Several advertisements will also be reproduced by some clever tableaux. Miss Watson is the originator of this entertainment.

—The Horticultural Society met last evening at the city hall. An interesting paper was read upon "The Culture of the Dahlia," by Mr. Wilkerson. A discussion of the by-laws, which were submitted to the meeting, took place, and were amended in certain particulars. Officers were elected as follows: Hon. president, Lieut.-Governor Joly; president, F. B. Pemberton; first vice-president, the Mayor for the ensuing year; directors, Messrs. Millet, Bland, Gage, Higgins, Cockrell and Russell, and Mrs. Wolfenden, Mrs. Ribbet and Mrs. Siddall. The selection of a secretary and treasurer was left over for a subsequent meeting of the board of directors.

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—The last gap in the Dominion government telegraph line between Alberni and Clayoquot has been filled, the steamer Otter having laid two thousand feet of cable across Alberni canal at Franklin Creek to a point on the other side, connecting with the line to Clayoquot. This brings Victoria into direct telegraphic communication with the West Coast settlement. The line which joins the cable opposite Franklin Creek extends along the canal to Ucluelet and thence to Clayoquot, a half mile of cable having also been laid from the Mainland of Vancouver Island across Clayoquot Sound to Stubbs Island, a couple of weeks ago. The telegraphic apparatus has been placed in the store of Stockam & Dawson, on Stubbs Island.

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—Brass—Hammered Brass Trays from Benares & Morhadabad have arrived, and on sale at the Indian and Persian Depot, 15 Broad street. *

—To-night's meeting is the last of the special series held during the past three weeks in the Metropolitan Methodist church, and will be under the direction of Rev. Elliott S. Rowe. All are invited.

—The weather clerk this morning presented Victoria with a winter garment such as has been adorning the Sooke hills the past few days. It didn't last very long, however, being removed in short order by a fall of rain.

—For the convenience of those attending the dance at the Barracks, Work Point, to-night, the British Columbia Electric Railway Company are running a special car, which will leave Head street for the city at 2.30 o'clock.

—The annual banquet of the Sons of England will be held at the Royal cafe this evening. As usual on this occasion Alexandra Lodge, No. 116, and Pride of Island Lodge, No. 132, will combine. Hon. E. G. Prior will occupy the chair. There will be about 150 guests.

—Smoke issuing from the Balmoral hotel building this morning conveyed the impression that the place was on fire, and somebody turned in an alarm. When the firemen arrived on the scene they found that the smoke had been caused by plaster drying operations in connection with the recently constructed addition.

—Two Japanese seamen from the French ship Surcouf landed at Esquimalt, having been discharged from the ship. They were taken into custody by Provincial Officer Campbell. The immigration department were notified concerning the matter. Upon an affidavit being signed that the men would be taken out of the country they were released, to again join the ship.

—The Toronto Mail and Empire says: "Rev. J. C. Speer, D. D., pastor of Euclid Avenue Methodist church, has, it is understood, received a call from McCaul street church, to go into effect after June next. Rev. C. Morris, the pastor of McCaul street church, is at present out of the city. A board meeting will soon be held to choose a new pastor, and Mr. Speer will probably be chosen."

—The Mayor and aldermen held another conference with President Woods, of the Victoria Terminal Railway Company, last night, and considerable progress in the negotiations was made. The various differences have been practically settled and the contract as accepted by the city representatives and the railway people will be dealt with by the council in the near future, after which a by-law embodying the terms agreed upon will be submitted to the ratepayers. A meeting of the Mayor and aldermen will be held on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, when the agreement will be finally considered and prepared for submission to the council.

—The Chinese wood cutter, Lin Wai, who is charged with the theft of some money and clothing from two of his fellow countrymen, who are cooks at the Dallas, appeared before the magistrate this morning. The case was remanded until to-morrow, the accused being out on $200 bail in the meantime. He is charged with stealing the very best Sunday trousers of one of the complainants and the $3.75 that was in the pockets, and about $15 from the other cook. Chester Wells was fined $60 for using grossly insulting language to Mrs. Fitzgerald, of the Telegraph hotel, because she wouldn't give him a drink for nothing. If he doesn't pay the amount he will spend Christmas in jail, as the alternative is a month's imprisonment.

—Professor Alexander lectured on "Crime and Criminals" in the A. O. U. W. hall last night. He divided his types as follows: Those naturally low, whose vanity led them to live beyond their means, those depraved through drink, opium or other drugs and those forced by poverty. To-night's subject will be "Practical Benefactors." To-morrow night he will give his very entertaining talk on "How to Read Character" by walk, style of wearing hat, laugh, handshake, forehead, nose, eyes, mouth, etc. At the close of the lecture the professor will describe the characteristics of two ladies or gentlemen selected by the audience by looking in their faces and then blindfolded he will designate his first subjects among six by examining heads only.

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—The regular meeting of the Shipwrights' Union was held in Labor hall last night. Among other matters of business the Railway By-law was discussed at some length. It was finally decided to call a meeting of all the executives of the different unions in the city for Saturday night, the 13th, at 8 o'clock, and it is hoped that all will attend, the object being to discuss the matter more fully for the purpose of calling a public meeting. The shipwrights also donated $50 to the Protestant and Catholic Orphans' Homes.

TIDE TABLE.

Victoria, B. C., December, 1902.
(Issued by the tidal survey branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.)

Date.	Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.
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1 ..	7 03	7.8	9 06	7.7	13 16	8.7	21 52	1.4
2 ..	7 51	7.9	9 56	7.8	13 34	8.4	22 27	1.6
3 ..	8 36	8.0	11 00	7.8	13 46	8.1	23 04	1.9
4 ..	9 14	8.0	12 22	7.7	13 46	7.7	23 43	2.3
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6 ..	0 23	2.8	9 02	7.9				
7 ..	1 04	3.4	9 06	8.0				
8 ..	1 47	4.0	9 20	8.1	19 26	5.2	21 33	5.3
9 ..	2 32	4.7	9 39	8.3	18 06	4.6	23 54	5.5
10 ..	3 23	5.4	10 03	8.6	18 13	3.6	.. ..	..
11 ..	2 18	6.1	4 27	6.0	10 33	8.9	18 39	2.7
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14 ..	4 38	7.7	7 25	7.2	12 27	9.8	20 37	0.3
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16 ..	5 53	8.2	9 16	7.5	13 56	9.5	22 03	0.2
17 ..	6 28	8.4	0 18	7.4	14 43	9.0	22 46	0.6
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19 ..	7 32	8.6	12 43	6.8	16 39	7.4	.. ..	..
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22 ..	1 47	4.1	8 48	8.7	16 42	4.5	22 27	5.7
23 ..	2 34	5.1	9 12	8.8	17 38	3.7	.. ..	..
24 ..	1 27	6.1	3 24	6.0	9 39	8.9	18 27	3.0
25 ..	3 08	6.8	4 17	6.8	10 00	9.0	19 04	2.5
26 ..	4 00	7.4	5 13	7.3	10 41	9.1	19 32	2.1
27 ..	4 46	7.8	6 12	7.7	11 15	9.1	19 59	1.8
28 ..	5 28	8.0	7 12	7.9	11 50	9.0	20 28	1.6
29 ..	6 07	8.2	8 09	8.0	12 22	8.9	20 58	1.6
30 ..	6 42	8.2	9 03	8.0	32 50	8.7	21 30	1.7
31 ..	7 13	8.1	9 54	7.9	13 15	8.5	22 04	1.9

The time used is Pacific standard for the 120 Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot. For time of high water add 14 minutes to H. W. at Victoria.

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Recent Appointments According to Last Evening's Gazette—Companies Incorporated.

The labors of the special charter committee of the city council have culminated in a notice which appears in last evening's issue of the provincial Gazette. It is to the effect that at the next session of the legislature application will be made for an act to revise and consolidate the following ordinances and acts:

The "Victoria Municipal Ordinance, 1867," the "Victoria Municipal Amendment Ordinance, 1869," and all subsequent amending ordinances and acts; the "Fire Companies Aid Ordinance, 1869," and all subsequent amending ordinances and acts; the "City of Victoria Official Map Act, 1880," and all subsequent amending and consolidating acts.

The "Corporation of Victoria Water Works Act, 1873," and all subsequent acts; the "Water Works Debenture Guarantee Act, 1874," and such sections and provisions of the general municipal clauses acts of the province as relate particularly to the government of the municipality of the city of Victoria; also, to amend the said acts, by granting, among other things, to the council of the corporation of the city of Victoria power to pass by-laws for (among other things) any of the purposes, or any of the objects following, i. e., to continue the existing ward system, or to abolish the same; to provide, under certain conditions, for the inclusion of outlying districts in the city limits; to limit and define localities in which particular trades or businesses may be carried on; to regulate trades or businesses and the times of closing stores or shops, and to provide for Sunday closing; to prohibit or regulate trading by peddlers, hawkers, and petty chapmen; to erect public wharves and impose and collect tolls for the use thereof; to purchase, construct, and operate gas and electric lighting and power and telephone systems; to adopt the existing sub-division of city lots and to regulate the further sub-divisions thereof; to administer oaths and examine witnesses under oath in civic inquiries; to enter into contracts extending over a period of years; to borrow money for specific purposes, giving as security the undertaking and guarantee of the city; to make provision for the placing of telephone, electric and other wires underground; to provide a fund for the insurance of civic buildings and property, and a fund for the superannuation of municipal officials and employees; to license clubs; to prohibit and regulate existing slaughter houses and cow sheds or stables which may, in the opinion of the council, be a nuisance; to regulate and prohibit the erection, removal and repairing of buildings and the pulling down of buildings erected, removed or repaired in contravention of any by-laws of the city; to make provision for the qualifications of voters, the mode of election to civic offices, and the conduct of elections, and the use of voting machines, and to deal with disputed elections and offences at elections, and corrupt practices; to provide for the compulsory ejectment of persons having unlawfully encroached upon the streets or roadways; to provide for the acquisition of additional watersheds and means of increasing the water supply; to provide for the acquisition of railways and tramways wholly or partially running within the city; and also to provide for such other amendments, powers and authorities as may be necessary or expedient for the public welfare and the government of the city of Victoria.

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Cornwall & Rogers, solicitors for the applicants, give notice of an application for an act incorporating a company with power to build a line of railway of the gauge of four feet eight and one-half inches, from a point at or near Fernie, in the district of East Kootenay, in the province of British Columbia; thence by way of a feasible and practicable route, east or west of the Elk river, southward to a point at or near the mouth of Morrissey creek; thence either by way of Elk river and Wigwam river, or by way of Morrissey creek to a point at or near Lodgepole creek and tributaries of the Flathead river to a point at or near the Flathead river, distant twenty-five miles, more or less, northerly from the international boundary; thence by way of the Flathead river to a point at or near the international boundary: Also from a point at or near Fernie by way of a feasible and practicable route, east or west of the Elk river, northerly to a point twenty-eight miles north of the mouth of Michel creek.

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D. G. Macdonell, solicitor for applicants, gives notice of an application for a private bill to incorporate a company to build a line of railway, of standard or other gauge, from a point at or near the mouth of Adams river, on Vancouver Island; thence southwesterly, by the most feasible route, to the valley of the Klaance river; thence southeasterly, by the most feasible route, to a point at or near the mouth of Gold river, on the West Coast of Vancouver Island; and from a point on the said line of railway, at or near Davie river, by the most feasible route, to a point at or near Hecate channel, on the West Coast of Vancouver Island; with power to construct, operate and maintain branch lines to any point within 20 miles of the main line of the said railway.

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The following appointments are announced in last evening's issue of the provincial Gazette:

Henry Esson Young, of Atlin, M.D., to be resident physician at the said place.

Joseph Page, of Galiano Island, assessor and collector, to be a justice of the peace in and for the province of British Columbia.

Reginald A. Upper, of the city of Revelstoke, provincial police constable, to be acting mining recorder of the Trout Lake mining division during the absence on leave of F. C. Campbell.

J. J. McKenna, of Wells, provincial police constable, to be acting mining recorder of the Chilkat mining division during the absence on leave of Captain W. J. Rant.

Reginald A. Upper, of Trout Lake, acting mining recorder, to be acting registrar of the County Court of Kootenay, holden at Trout Lake, during the absence on leave of F. C. Campbell.

George Thomson, of Ladysmith, S.M., government agent, to be a registrar for the purposes of the "Marriage Act."

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The following companies have been incorporated: Beaver Canyon Mining Co., Ltd., capital $100,000; Cherry Creek Gold Mining Co., Ltd., capital $1,000,000; Deer Park Mining Co., Ltd., capital $10,000; Packers' Steamship Co., Ltd., capital $25,000; Wellington Colliery Co., Ltd., capital $2,000,000; Yale-Kootenay Ice, Fruit, Fuel & Poultry Co., Ltd., capital $40,000.

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Richard H. Macaulay, James Davidson, Arthur Clegg and James McInnes, of Vancouver, have united into a society under the provisions of the "Benevolent Society's Act."

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Messrs. E. J. Knowdell and R. C. Hodgson, plumbers, of Vancouver, have dissolved partnership, the business being in future carried on by Messrs. Hodgson and Wm. Stearman.

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Cross & Co., mining brokers, of Silverton, B.C., have been appointed attorneys for The Wakefield mines, in place of H. A. Barton.

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SPORTING

TO-MORROW'S ATTRACTIONS.

Rugby Football—Victoria vs. Royal Artillery, 3 p. m., at Caledonia grounds; intermediates and juniors, practice, 1.30 p. m., at Caledonia grounds.

Association Football—Central vs. South Park schools, at Beacon Hill.

Hockey—Members of Victoria teams practice at 3 p. m., at Oak Bay.

The Hunt—Regular run, starts 2.30 p. m., at Gorge bridge.

Indoor Baseball—V. A. C. vs. No. 1 Co. Fifth Regiment, 8.30 p. m., at drill hall.

THE HUNT.

REGULAR RUN.

The regular weekly run of the members of the Victoria Hunt Club will be held to-morrow afternoon, starting from the Gorge bridge at 2.30.

CRICKET.

MEET TO-NIGHT.

At the Balmoral hotel this evening at 8 o'clock a committee meeting of the Victoria Cricket Club will be held, when matters of importance will be discussed.

INDOOR BASEBALL.

V. A. C. v. REGIMENT.

At the drill hall to-morrow evening the V. A. C. and No. 1 Company Fifth Regiment indoor baseball teams will try conclusions. The match will commence at about 8.30 p. m.

CHESS.

THE RICE TROPHY.

London, Dec. 11.—A joint challenge has been issued by the chess clubs of Oxford and Cambridge Universities to the chess clubs of the Universities of Harvard, Yale, Princeton and Columbia, for a cable match next spring to defend the Rice trophy.

THE RIFLE.

BISLEY TARGETS REDUCED.

Toronto, Dec. 11.—The Evening Telegram's London cable says the National Rifle Association's decision to alter the first and second class targets at Bisley has been issued. The first class target has been reduced in width from 13 feet 6 inches to 10 feet 6 inches. The second class inner is increased from 3 feet to 3 feet 2 inches, and the "magpie" from 4 feet to 4 feet 8 inches. The remainder of the targets remain unchanged, six feet square. The alterations will not affect conditions governing the competition for the Palma trophy.

HOCKEY.

ARTILLERY v. VANCOUVER.

Members of the Royal Artillery club will leave this evening for Vancouver, where they will contest a league match with the Terminal City eleven. The Barracks team follows: Gr. Kellett, Gr. Taylor, Gr. Crump, Gr. West, Gr. Comey, Gr. O'Sullivan, Sergt.-Major Thomas, Gr. Shudy, Gr. Mills, Gr. Scully, River.

GAME TO-DAY.

A game is taking place this afternoon between the High school and Ladies' hockey teams at Oak Bay park.

VICTORIA PRACTICE.

Members of the Victoria hockey team will hold their regular weekly practice at Oak Bay to-morrow afternoon.

PING PONG.

RESULTS OF TOURNEY.

On Wednesday evening at the Centennial Methodist church the ping pong tournament closed. The complete results follow:

Gentlemen's Singles—E. B. Wallace beat C. Foote, 5-6, 6-1, 6-5; Dr. Garesche beat W. H. Bone, 6-2, 6-1; J. Rickaby beat E. B. Wallace, 6-1, 6-2; A. Macdonald beat J. Simpson, 6-5, 6-0. Semi-finals—J. W. York beat Dr. Garesche, 6-5, 6-4; J. Rickaby beat A. Macdonald, 6-2, 6-1. Finals—J. W. D. York beat J. Rickaby, 6-5, 6-4.

Mixed Doubles—W. H. Bone and Miss Bone beat G. Grant and Miss Mills, 6-1, 6-1; E. B. Wallace and Miss Spence beat Rev. J. Westman and Miss Grant, 6-0, 6-2. Semi-finals—J. W. D. York and Miss John beat W. H. Bone and Miss Bone, 6-3, 6-5; E. B. Wallace and Miss A. Spence beat A. D. Belyea and Miss M. Spence, 6-5, 6-4. Finals—J. W. D. York and Miss John beat E. B. Wallace and Miss A. Spence, 6-1, 2-6, 6-3.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

SCHEDULED GAME.

There is a game scheduled to be played to-morrow between the Victoria West and Fernwood teams. It is probable, however, that the match will be postponed.

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

A junior league match will be played to-morrow afternoon, commencing at 1.45 o'clock, at Beacon Hill, between the Central and South Park teams.

AT WORK POINT.

Yesterday afternoon's match between the Work Point barracks and the Egeria teams resulted in favor of the former by a score of 4 to nothing.

MATCH TO-MORROW.

To-morrow afternoon, providing the weather is favorable, a match will be played between the Egeria and Dockyard elevens at the Canteen grounds. Play will commence at 3 o'clock promptly.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

VANCOUVER MATCHES.

The postponement of the games announced to take place to-morrow between the Victoria and Vancouver teams at the Terminal City is accepted with anything but good grace, as can be seen by the following taken from the Vancouver World: "Victoria has funked, and in a most unsportsmanlike manner last evening. Captain Moresby wired that it was impossible for the Victoria club to fill the date. This morning a letter came to the effect that seven of the Victoria team's best men could not get away, and that the club did not care to send a weak fifteen as was the case last season. Three weeks ago Vancouver sent three teams to the Capital. The senior aggregation was minus seven of the men who won the championship last season, and had but one of the old forward line, Reggie Woodward. Vancouver was defeated by 8 points to 3. But Vancouver had kept her date, and certainly expected Victoria to do the same. The team from across the Gulf now name January 10th as a suitable date, but some of them may be still suffering from 'cold feet' at that time also."

Officials of the Victoria club point out that the date agreed upon by both Victoria and Vancouver was December 6th, and that the games would have been played on that day had it not been for a request from Vancouver for a postponement. The 13th was suggested by Vancouver, but never accepted by Victoria.

TO-MORROW'S MATCH.

A match is arranged for Saturday afternoon between the Victoria seniors and Royal Artillery at the Caledonia grounds, commencing at 3 o'clock sharp. This is the second time these teams have played, on the first occasion the local team winning by a very narrow margin. The teams follow:

Victoria—Full back, Goward; three-quarters, Lorimer, Bell, McDonell, Schwengers; half backs, Moresby, Gillespie; forwards, Pettigrew, Corbett, McLean, Grundy, Janion, Austin, Newcombe, Hurst; substitute, Jaegers.

Royal Artillery—Full back, Gr. Seaton; three-quarters, Gr. Brown, Gr. Killbrick, Gr. Lyons, Lieut. Millman; half backs, Gr. Ellis, Gr. Thirsk; forwards, Gr. Lyon, Bombr. Lylitton, Gr. Frost, Gr. Clark, Gr. Honour, Gr. Davis, Gr. Barrett, Gr. Nevin.

TEAMS PRACTICE.

The intermediate and junior teams will practice at the Caledonia grounds to-morrow at 1.30 p. m.

BASKETBALL.

JUNIOR GAME.

The junior teams of the Victoria Athletic Club and the Capital City club will meet in a friendly match to-night at the V. A. C. hall at 7.30 o'clock sharp. The teams follow:

Capital City—Guards, Sweeney, Johnson; centre, Gayley; forwards, Mulcahy, Roskamer.

V. A. C.—Guards, Matthews and Ireland; centre, Loat; forwards, Douglas and Walker.

DELEGATES MEET.

A meeting of the delegates of the basketball league was held last evening, when it was decided that any man ruled off the field for fighting should be disqualified. The protested game between the Capital City and Victoria West teams will be replayed on January 2nd.

VICTORIA v. VANCOUVER.

The Fifth Regiment players leave tonight for Vancouver for the purpose of playing a league match with the Terminal City regimental team. The local team follows: Guards, Hughes and Temple; centre, Fawcett; forwards, Wales and Porter.

STANDING OF LEAGUE.

The present standing of the inter-regimental league follows:

	Won.	Lost.	To Play.
Vancouver	2	0	4
Victoria	1	0	5
New Westminster	0	1	5
Garrison	0	2	4

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The Victoria Municipal Ordinance, 1867. The Victoria Municipal Amendment Ordinance, 1869, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts. The Fire Companies Aid Ordinance, 1869, and all subsequent amending Ordinances and Acts. The City of Victoria Official Map Act, 1880, and all subsequent amending and consolidating Acts.

The Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act, 1873, and all subsequent amending Acts. The Waterworks Debenture Guarantee Act, 1874, and such sections and provisions of the General Municipal Clauses Acts of the Province as relate particularly to the government of the Municipality of the City of Victoria; also to amend the said Acts, by granting, among other things, to the Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria power to pass by-laws for (among other things) any of the purposes, or any of the objects following, i. e.: To continue the existing Ward System, or to abolish the same; to provide, under certain conditions, for the inclusion of outlying districts in the City limits; to limit and define localities in which particular trades or businesses may be carried on; to regulate trades or businesses and the times of closing stores or shops, and to provide for Sunday closing; to prohibit or regulate trading by peddlers, hawkers, and petty chapmen; to erect public wharves and impose and collect tolls for the use thereof; to purchase, construct and operate gas and electric lighting and power and telephone systems; to adopt the existing sub-divisions of City lots and to regulate the further sub-divisions thereof; to administer oaths and examine witnesses under oath in civic enquiries; to enter into contracts extending over a period of years; to borrow money for specific purposes, giving as security the undertaking and guarantee of the City; to make provision for the placing of telephone, electric and other wires underground; to provide a fund for the insurance of civic buildings and property, and a fund for the superannuation of municipal officials and employees; to license clubs; to prohibit and regulate existing slaughter-houses and cow-sheds or stables which may, in the opinion of the Council, be a nuisance; to regulate and prohibit the erection, removal and repairing of buildings and the pulling down of buildings erected, removed or repaired in contravention of any by-law; also to validate the existing by-laws of the City; to make provision for the qualifications of voters, the mode of election to civic offices, and the conduct of elections, and the use of voting machines, and to deal with disputed elections and offences at elections, and corrupt practices; to provide for the compulsory ejectment of persons having unlawfully encroached upon the streets or roadways; to provide for the acquisition of additional watersheds and means of increasing the water supply; to provide for the acquisition of additional railways and tramways wholly or partially running within the city; and also to provide for such other amendments, powers and authorities as may be necessary or expedient for the public welfare and the government of the City of Victoria.

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3. Section 20, Victoria District, containing 40 acres more or less, fronting on Victoria Arm above the Gorge.
4. The easterly 2½ acres of Suburban Lot 46, Esquimalt District, and fronting on Constance Cove.
5. All those portions of Sections XI. and XII., Victoria District, bounded by the Burnside road, Gorge road, the Burnside and Gorge cross road, and the Harriet road, containing about 146 acres (less about 4½ acres already sold). Forty acres of this land are arable, and the balance is pasturage. There is also a 5-acre orchard, 2 six roomed cottages, 3 barns and a stable.
6. Part of Section 81, Victoria District, containing about 87½ acres.

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Any further information will be furnished on application to the undersigned.

Every tender must be open for acceptance by the trustees of the Yates Estate up to January 22nd, 1903, and the highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

J. STUART YATES,
Agent for Trustees of James Yates Estate.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICK MURPHY, DECEASED, LATE OF VICTORIA, B. C.

Take notice that probate of the will of Patrick Murphy, dated the 4th September, 1891, and codicils dated respectively the 14th August, 1894, and the 1st November, 1898, who died at Kelseyville, California, on the 10th day of November, 1902, was this day granted by the Honorable Mr. Justice Irving to Samuel Perry Mills and Joseph Austen Sayward, the executors therein named.

And take notice that, pursuant to the Trustees and Executors Act, all creditors and others having claims against the estate are requested to send by post or deliver to the executors or to the undersigned on or before the 3rd day of January, 1903, their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and that the said executors will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by them at the time of such distribution.

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	P.M.	
Nanaimo	12.40	8.20
Ar. Wellington	12.53	Lv. 8.00

Northbound. Leave.	Sat., Sun. & Wed. P.M.	Southbound. Arrive. P.M.
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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS:—Basil Pendarvis, a clever young artist, who finds it easier to get his pictures praised than bought, receives a commission to paint the portrait of Dorothy Cleveland, at her father's house at Sandhurst, Kent. He accepts the more readily as cash is very scarce with him at the time. Basil finds himself hospitably welcomed, as, indeed, his friend, Phil Duncan, who is a neighbor of Cleveland's, assured him he would be. Basil is charmed with his sitter, who is a girl not only of great beauty, but of a sweet and noble disposition. Her sister Elizabeth strikes him less favorably. She is a professed invalid, with nerves supposed to be all ajar, and rules the household with an imperious querulousness. After seven weeks' work the picture is finished, and Basil goes back to his studio in London. He now finds himself hopelessly in love with Dorothy, and the thought of her inspires a painting of "My Lady Bountiful," in which his friends tell him he reaches greatness

CHAPTER VII.

The Dream of Youth.

It is the privilege of a few men in every generation to awaken some morning to the discovery that they have become famous. Basil Pendarvis happened to be one of them. His fame might not be of any wide or enduring order; but for the moment, and in the little world that interests itself in art, he had come unmistakably to the front. His picture had won almost instantaneous recognition, and in a few days was the talk of society and the clubs.

At first he found it difficult to realize that he and Basil Pendarvis whom people were talking about, were one and the same individual. For a while he seemed to stand apart from himself—to contemplate with curious interest this other individual who bore his name and wore his clothes. It was not until he stood in the crowd before his picture and listened to the remarks that were made that he was able to identify himself with the new genius that had arisen in the world of art.

The sensation was a very curious one, and not at all like he imagined it might be. He had dreamt of becoming famous, as most men have done. He had fancied the thrills of ecstasy that would run through his veins when his name was proclaimed from the housetops; he had imagined the lordly air with which he would walk through the crowded street.

The reality was entirely different. He felt humbled and chastened. He wanted to hide from people, he dreaded recognition; and when his friends congratulated him he felt uncomfortable, and wished they would talk about something else. Neither was it a pleasant experience to find that people who had treated him with scant courtesy in other days were now intensely anxious to renew the acquaintance, and almost obsequious in their manner. However differently he might appear in the eyes of others, he was the same in his own eyes; hence the mere suggestion in tone and manner by others that he belonged to a superior order—that he was something different from what he was a month before—made him blush and almost angry.

And yet there was another side to all this. It was no doubt pleasant to have his work recognized. He had put the best of which he was capable into his picture. It had been a labor of love; and when it was completed he felt as though he would never be able to produce anything better, perhaps never anything so good again, and if life had passed without recognition, it would have been a bitter disappointment to him. As an artist also, it was a pleasure to receive the commendation of those who understood what good and conscientious work meant. For the tattle of the crowd he did not care, but it was something to be recognized by those who understood—who had eyes to see and the heart to comprehend. So when Phil Duncan congratulated him he felt a genuine thrill of joy. Phil knew what he was talking about, and the commendation of one genuine friend was worth the praises of a hundred nobodies.

But the real thrill and rapture of his success came to him when he thought of Dorothy; she would get to hear, of course, she would come up to London some day, and look at the picture herself; she would possibly be pleased like the rest, and to give her pleasure, to win her admiration, would be worth more than fame, more than all other things put together.

He went day after day to the Academy in the hope that he would see her, and each day he came away disappointed. If she was there, he failed to find her; if she had seen his picture, it was at some time when he was not about.

A fortnight after the Academy opened the newspapers contained the announcement that the picture had been sold for a thousand guineas, that it had been purchased by the Arts Committee of the Corporation of a Northern city, and that it was to hang in the permanent gallery of the city in question. This was the signal for fresh congratulations to pour in on him; but by this time he had got somewhat used to notoriety, and so did not feel the diffidence that he felt at first. Moreover, there was a very pleasant set-off; he was no longer a poor man, a thousand guineas seemed positive riches. It meant also that he would be able to command good prices for any future work.

Yet even now fame was by no means the satisfactory thing he had imagined it would be. The reality fell very far short of his dreams. If he could have looked at himself from the standpoint of other people, it might have been different; but he knew himself so well, knew his limitations, realized so vividly that what other people called genius was to him only infinite labor and toil, that to himself he could never be more than a very ordinary individual.

There was one thing that puzzled him very much, and that was that the critics, and even many of his own friends, saw a great deal more in his picture than he could see himself, saw meanings in it that he never intended, saw effects that he did not try to produce. He could not help smiling sometimes when he read the papers' long critiques, which not only described his picture but gave the interpretation thereof. It was "over facing," as his old mother would have said, to be credited with so many things which he had never intended. He was quite sure that he received infinitely more praise than he deserved. For directly a few of the leading journals and critics began to praise his picture, all the smaller fry rushed to outdo the other in the lavishness of his eulogy.

Basil was very much afraid that the thing would be overdone and that there would come a revulsion of feeling. He had heard of people going up like a rocket and coming down like a stick; and he began to fear that that might be his fate. Better, he thought, to remain in obscurity altogether than to blaze forth for a moment like a meteor and then vanish into impenetrable and everlasting darkness.

In his quieter moments and when alone in his own studio, he thought mostly of Dodo. She, after all, was his inspiration; but for her his picture would never have been painted. Any praise that belonged to it should be shared by her; indeed, was more hers than his. He felt somehow that he was receiving what belonged to another, and he wanted to see her to convey in some subtle way, and yet in some way that she could not fail to understand, that the picture was hers, that to her belonged all the praise.

He began to fear after a while that the Clevelands were neither interested in him nor in his success. He had never heard from them either directly or indirectly since he left Sandhurst. Judging by outward appearances, he had passed completely out of their thoughts. If Mr. Cleveland had come up to town he had never called to see him, had shown no desire to renew the acquaintance. Perhaps he regarded him simply as a journeyman painter who, having been paid for his work, deserved no further recognition.

But what of Dorothy? They had been so much together, they had opened their hearts so freely to each other, they had discussed all sorts of questions with such undisguised sympathy and friendliness that he could not conceive that she would ever feel as a stranger towards him. Sometimes surely they would meet again, not as chance acquaintances but as friends. At any rate, he was resolved that some day he would seek her out and tell her all the truth. If she spurned him, then he would know the worst, and that certainly, however painful, was better than a life tormented by alternate hopes and fears.

He was leaving the Academy one morning feeling quite disconsolate. The crowd that stood around his picture no longer gave him pleasure. The one person he wanted to see never came. He had passed through the turnstile and was descending the steps when he came face to face with Dodo and her father.

Peter Cleveland was the first to speak. "Delighted to see you, Mr. Pendarvis," he said. "We have come up to town on purpose to see your picture. Dodo would give me no rest until I brought her. She has been worrying my life out for the last fortnight; so in sheer self-defence I have had to bring her up."

"It is very kind of you, I am sure," Basil answered, with a smile, while he shook hands first with Dorothy and then with her father.

"We are all delighted to hear of your success," Dodo said in her most charming manner.

"Thank you very much," he replied. "I hope you will like the picture."

"We shall have no difficulty in finding it, I suppose?" Mr. Cleveland interposed.

"I think not," Basil said, diffidently. "But if you don't mind, I will turn back with you."

"Oh, please do," Dodo said, looking frankly up into his eyes; "it is so much pleasanter to go through the galleries with someone who understands pictures."

"I shall be delighted to assist you in any way possible," Basil said, and he turned and walked up the stairs by Dodo's side.

"I am sorry I can spare only an hour at the outside," Mr. Cleveland said. "If I leave my daughter behind, perhaps you will not mind seeing her back to the hotel?"

"My time is quite at her disposal," Basil answered, with a sudden throb of his heart. "Indeed I have nothing I am compelled to do to-day."

"Well, it is fortunate that we met," Mr. Cleveland said, beaming all over his face; "but we intended looking you up to-morrow."

"You must do that in any case," Basil answered. "I should feel very much disappointed if you went back without calling upon me."

"Well, take us to your picture right away," Mr. Cleveland said; "I want to have a good look at that first."

It took them some considerable time before they could get a good look at the picture, so many others were before them, but after a while the crowd moved on and the three were able to stand directly in front of it. For a while neither Mr. Cleveland nor Dorothy spoke a word, then the former shifted his position somewhat and looked first at the picture and then at Dodo. An idea had evidently struck him and Basil watched him with curious interest. After a few minutes Mr. Cleveland stepped behind Dorothy and came up to Basil.

"By the bye," he whispered, "you did not intend that to be a likeness, I presume?"

"Well, no, not exactly," Basil said, hesitatingly; "that is, not a likeness in the true sense of the word."

"But it is Dodo to a dot," said Mr. Cleveland.

"It is something like her, I grant," Basil answered. "You see, I had been busy painting her portrait just before I commenced this drawing, and so naturally her features would be fresh in my memory."

"Well, yes, I suppose so, but I am sure this is an honor that she never expected," and Mr. Cleveland beamed again.

Dodo, however, did not appear to notice the likeness, nor did she heed the whispered conversation that went on between her father and Basil. While the latter was talking with Mr. Cleveland he was watching her face with great interest and curiosity.

"Oh, Mr. Pendarvis," she said at length, "I think it is lovely."

"I am glad you are pleased," he whispered.

"It is a far nobler picture than I expected to see. Excuse me for saying that but—but—oh! it is very difficult to put into words what one means."

"Don't you feel greatly flattered?" her father questioned.

"Flattered?" she said. "I do not understand."

"Why, haven't you eyes?" he blurted out. "Don't you see?"

"I see the picture," she replied, "and I think it is noble and lovely."

"Yes, yes, but don't you see that he has painted you?"

For a moment she knitted her brow and looked astonished.

"Painted me?" she questioned.

"He's got you to the very dot. You are the Lady Bountiful."

"Oh, no, no!" she said. "It is not anything like me. Is it now, Mr. Pandarvis? You never thought of me when you were painting it, did you?"

(To be continued.)

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Provincial News.

VANCOUVER.

A meeting of the executive committee of the local Conservative Association was held on Wednesday evening, when it was decided that it was advisable that a Conservative candidate should be placed in the field in the forthcoming bye-election in this constituency. Arrangements will accordingly be made to hold a convention shortly for the nomination of a candidate.

General Superintendent Marpole, of the Canadian Pacific railway, has returned after a visit to the company's hotels in the Rockies. The company is enlarging its hotel accommodation at Field, Lake Louise, and other points, and Mr. Marpole went up the line on Sunday, accompanied by Architect Rattenbury, in order to inspect the work that is being done. Work is being rushed so as to have everything in readiness for visitors at the opening of the tourist travel next year.

Chris. Foley, president of the Provincial Progressive Party, announced on Thursday night that he would sever his connection with that body, giving as the reason the lack of interest in public questions taken by the working men and members of the party. The announcement was made at the first lecture of a series arranged by the Provincial Progressive Party.

"We are perfectly satisfied with the manner in which Mayor Neelands has filled his position during the year now drawing to a close, and he will be our candidate for another term." This statement was made by a prominent member of the Electoral Union. A meeting of the executive of this organization was held a few evenings ago and a resolution commending the mayor for his work during the past eleven months was passed, and will be presented to a full meeting of the union to be held next week.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

On Tuesday night, Rev. William Bell was welcomed to his new charge, the Parish of St. Mary's at Sapperton, by the members of his new flock.

The death occurred about 5 p. m. on Tuesday, at his home at the corner of Eighth street and Third avenue, of George Gilley Emerson, aged 40 years. The deceased had suffered for the last eight years from paralysis, the result of an accident sustained while at work upon the erection of the Duncan-Bachelor block, and for the last three or four years has been quite helpless.

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Municipal Election, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that in order to qualify as voters at the forthcoming municipal election, either as license holders or householders, such persons are required, during the month of December, to make and subscribe before a Supreme or County Court Judge, Stipendiary or Police Magistrate, Commissioner for taking Affidavits in the Supreme Court, Justice of the Peace or Notary Public, the statutory declaration provided by the "Municipal Elections Act." This declaration may be made before Mr. W. W. Northcott, City Assessor, who is a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Victoria, at his office, City Hall. Assessed real estate owners are not required to make this declaration.
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NOTICE.

Application will be made by the undersigned at the next meeting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, to be held after the expiration of one month from this date, for the transfer of the license to sell beer, spirits and other fermented liquors by retail at the St. George's Hotel, Esquimalt road, Victoria, from Stephen Harold Roblin and Philip Crombie to Hugh Simpson, of Esquimalt, British Columbia.
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ALARMING VIEW OF VENEZUELAN AFFAIRS

Description of Existing Conditions in the Southern Republic by an English Writer.

A writer in an English paper takes some unusual views of affairs in Venezuela, and discusses, in a comparative way, the conditions of life in that troubled land.

It needs the pen of a Defoe or a Dante, he says, to correctly portray the atrocities which now take place in all parts of Venezuela, practically under the sanction of the United States, and by the cowardly connivance of Great Britain.

Since the time of the great Bolivar—a name almost unknown in Great Britain—there has been no peace in all that great territory which the Liberator rescued from the infamous rule of the Spaniards. Coming down to later times one finds a systematic continuation of bloodshed, rapine and every description of criminality. Recently I asked an old Venezuelan how many years had elapsed since there had been representation in Venezuela according to the constitution of the country, and he replied: "Sir, there has been no legitimate representation in Venezuela for the last forty years. I remember when it was suppressed at the point of the bayonet."

The constitution of Venezuela says, inter alia, that the president must be elected by the people. That is a very reasonable proposal. But what are we to say when a highway robber comes into the capital at the head of a horde of bandits and says: "I am the president?" Yet that is exactly what the president of Venezuela did. Castro simply hunted his predecessors out of office and took possession by force of arms.

Castro the Mule Driver.

Castro originally came from a small hamlet in the Andes, where he probably drove mules or carried sacks of coffee for a living. The situation became tedious to him, and it occurred to him to seize the presidency. The thought bred the action. From that point we can see him on the high road to the presidency. Starting with some seventy followers (some of whom in a civilized country would have been convicts according to the criminal law), he continued an almost unbroken career of victory, which culminated at Tocupito, where the victor left over 1,500 dead and wounded for five days on the field of battle, the wounded rotting with gangrene and dying of hunger and exposure for want of attendance.

Meanwhile Castro continued a course of victory until he arrived within striking distance of Caracas. Then he sent word to the existing President Andrade to clear out, and Andrade cleared out accordingly. Incidentally, he left only a few cents in the treasury, but that is only a detail.

Beginning of Misery.

Castro then took possession and issued a glorious manifesto announcing new men, new ideas, new everything; yet within twenty-four hours he started the old infamy of gaoling without trial or sentence every man whose conduct displeased him. From that time began the miseries which now cuise Venezuela.

Castro brought into Caracas a ruffian crowd of Andinos (as the inhabitants of the Andes are called) and installed himself in the government offices. His officers and soldiers swaggered about the public parks and streets with knives and revolvers stuck in their belts; shot civilians on the slightest pretext; ordered drinks and never paid for them in hotels; called for meals in the restaurants and pulled out their daggers or revolvers when the owners asked for payment; insulted ladies in the street, and all, be it remembered, without the slightest fear of arrest, because they belonged to Castro's party.

At the Yellow House, the recognized centre of government, a number of camp followers were installed by his officers, and were to be seen daily lounging on the steps in the sun. With such a beginning Castro commenced his infamous career of murder and robbery, and with the official sanction of the foreign ministers carried fire and sword through the length and breadth of Venezuela. Few, indeed, of his infamies reach the outside world, because the local press dare not say a word except by express sanction of the government. The New York press wilfully suppresses information, so that foreign populations may not know what is going on, and the London press has not yet discovered South America.

Castro's "Gang of Cutthroats."

From the time of his invasion up till now Castro, with a gang of cutthroats at his side has spread ruin in every direction through Venezuela. It is a common occurrence for his bandits, with the full cognizance of their president, to enter into a town, rob the stores and private houses, assault the women, murder every man who dares even to protest against these infamies, set fire to the town, and then go marching on with the Venezuelan flag at their head.

No one dares breathe a word in Caracas against Castro. The hotels, restaurants, every street corner, every place of public resort, are full of spies, and for the slightest word men are hurried off to gaol without trial or sentence, and kept in prison just as long as Castro or his friends think fit.

Actually there are hundreds and hundreds of men in the gaols of Venezuela to-day who have been prisoners for one and two years without ever having been brought before any court of justice or accused of any offence. Some of the prisons are damp and horribly unwholesome, and the wretches immured in them die little by little every day with their iron manacles eating into their flesh. And the English government knows this and the American government upholds it.

Castro a "Common Ruffian."

Of Castro personally one can only speak as of a common ruffian. The enormous revenues exacted from Venezuelan merchants through the custom houses are turned into gold, and a large portion goes directly into Castro's possession and is by him sent away to his private account on the continent. So it has happened that Castro, who arrived in Caracas a few years back without money to pay for his bed and board, is now worth at least $5,000,000.

Those few words explain most of the revolutions which now occur in South and Central America. The vagabond of to-day may become the millionaire of to-morrow, no matter who suffers. To account for the deficit in the revenue of the nation, a fictitious balance sheet is issued debiting public works, roads, bridges, etc., with hundreds of thousands of dollars, but these public works are a myth, and the supposed expenditure upon them is merely a cloak to cover the robbery of public moneys.

The Secret of Misrule.

The state of affairs in Venezuela today is a blasphemy on civilization, and not only has Castro spread like a gangrene over Venezuela, but he has been to a very large extent the cause of the present civil war in the adjoining republic of Colombia. Castro's men, Castro's money, and Castro's gunboats, helped largely to carry on the revolution against the Colombian government, and a Venezuelan gunboat, the Bolivar, actually bombarded Savanilla, a Colombian port, without any declaration of war. I was in Caracas when Castro, president of the republic of Venezuela, gave audience at Yellow House to the Colombian General Uribe, the acknowledged leader of the revolution against the Colombian government, despite the fact that the two nations were friendly. The Venezuelan press naturally kept silent over the incident.

Behind and tacitly supporting all this violence, corruption and abuse we find the silent power of the United States. The Venezuelans themselves, even when committing their infamies, say: "It does not matter; the United States will not allow any one to interfere with us." They are quite right. So the game goes on in South America, and Great Britain cringes before the situation, while the United States holds out a threatening fist and talks of the Monroe Doctrine to all foreign powers.

Commerce is paralyzed, foreigners abused, maltreated, and often murdered, whole towns delivered up to the horrors of fire, sword, and all the brutalities of a licentious soldiery, the gaols crowded with innocent persons, men snatched up in the streets by press gangs, justice at a standstill, the Superior courts giving their decisions according to the orders of an official appointed by Castro.

Murderers are walking unmolested through the streets because they are Castro's friends; criminals are set free without ever being brought to the bar of justice; the chief justice was sent to gaol on Castro's personal order for daring to call attention to certain abuses connected with prisoners—and all because the United States says that the powers must not interfere with the (alleged) republics of South America.

That is to-day the great secret of misrule in Venezuela.

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QUATSINO NUMBER.

Next Saturday's issue of the Times will contain a four-page supplement on fine paper, copiously illustrated and largely devoted to a description of Quatsino Sound, Port Hardy and the north end of Vancouver Island.

The illustrations are from photographs taken specially for the Times, and several bird's-eye views were obtained after a great deal of trouble, illustrating the topography of the district. The other illustrations are of mining operations, giant timbers, marine views, etc., the whole furnishing the reader with a good idea of a land which prospective railway building will bring into immediate touch with this city.

The number will contain in addition the usual special Saturday features of the Times.

Those desiring extra copies are requested to place their orders at once, as a large edition is already ordered.

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are to enjoy the distinction of being the first two Cities in the British Empire to share the honor of being selected for the Launching of a Table Product which is destined to become world famous in the very near future

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It will be be on sale in all first class Grocery Stores.

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ROSSLAND NOTES.

"You may state that so far as the 'Father Pat' memorial ambulance is concerned the Le Roi regards it simply as a means of contributing to the comfort of miners who may be injured, and that we expect and are prepared to pay as much in the future as in the past for the transportation of men who may be so unfortunate as to meet with accidents in the mine. It has never occurred to me that anyone should bear this expense for the Le Roi." This is the attitude of John H. Mackenzie, general manager of the Le Roi, with respect to the ambulance question. Would it not be practicable for the city to operate the ambulance and transfer the resulting revenue to the city's account, thus adding to the corporation's income?" asked Mr. Mackenzie, and the suggestion contained in this query affords food for thought.—Miner.

Rev. J. Burtt Morgan, B. A., has resigned the pastorate of the First Baptist church, closing his connection with the congregation on November 30th. Mr. Morgan really resigned on October 1st, but the church declined to accept it at that time, urging him to remain. Mr. Morgan did not see his way clear to accede to their request, however, and insisted on the resignation being accepted at the end of November.

TORONTO MINING EXCHANGE.

(Furnished by the Stuart Robertson Co., Ltd., Successors to A. W. More & Co., Ltd., Mining Brokers, 23 Broad St.

Toronto, Dec. 12—The following were the closing quotations on the Mining Exchange to-day:

	Asked.	Bid.
Black Tail	9½	7½
Canadian G. F. S.	4	3
Cariboo McKinney	18	17
Cariboo Hydraulic	75	..
Centre Star	38	37
Fairview Corp.	4½	3½
Golden Crown	5	..
Giant	5	3
Granby Smelter	$3.50	$3.20
Iron Mask	9	..
Lone Pine-Surprise Con.	5	3
Morning Glory	3	..
Morrison	3	..
Mountain Lion	17	11
North Star	11	8
Payne	12½	10
Rambler Cariboo Con.	35	20
Republic	8	6
Sullivan	6	3
Virtue	..	7½
War Eagle Con.	19	17
White Bear	2½	..
Winnipeg	4	..
Wonderful	4	..
Dom. Cons.	4	3
St. Eugene	22	15

Toronto Sales To-Day.

Centre Star—1,000 at 37; 1,000 at 37½; 1,000 at 37¾.

Rossland Sales Yesterday.

North Star—1,000 at 9½.
Rambler Cariboo—500 at 20.
Tom Thumb—3,000 at 5¼.
Centre Star—1,000 at 35½.

—Fancy goods for Xmas presents. Useful articles for the Dressing Table, Writing Table, Toilet Purposes, etc., at Weiler Bros. (first floor.)

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

JOST—Will party who by mistake took umbrella, Dresden knob, initialled J. A. Dev., from Spencer's, about 4 o'clock yesterday, kindly return to same department immediately?

WANTED—To rent, small cottage; moderate rent. Apply "Permanent," Times Office.

LABOR CONVENTION

MONDAY, THE 15th INST., AT 8 P. M.,
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All members of organized labor are invited to attend at the above time and place for the purpose of nominating candidates for Aldermen and School Trustees at the forthcoming municipal election.

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TAYLOR-SULLY—At Vancouver, on Dec. 11th, Edward C. Taylor and Miss Helen K. Sully.

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O'NIEL-SIMPSON—At Vancouver, on Dec. 10th, by Rev. H. L. Roy, J. Dennis O'Neil and Miss Marione G. Simpson.

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EMERSON—At New Westminster, on Dec. 9th, George G. Emerson, aged 40 years.

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